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Chi Psi and Delta Upsilon sponsored a blood drive on Tuesday in the Beinecke Events Barn.

GPA requirements placed on abroad programs by faculty

By Jacob M. Setser '98
Senior Editor

After Tuesday's faculty meeting, requirements for Study Abroad will be a little tougher for the incoming class of 2000 and subsequent classes. With the entrance of next year's class, students planning to study abroad must have a minimum GPA of 82.

The Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) recommended the change because it felt students with lower GPAs be better served by the personal attention they could receive on the Hamilton campus than by the programs abroad.

"Many of the Study Abroad programs are poorly supervised and we can't control the quality of the education received," said Associate Dean of Students James Bradfield.

"We're using GPA as a rough threshold for a level of maturity," said Bradfield, stating that the school felt that it gave them a rough estimate of which students could supervise themselves. Bradfield also hopes it will make those planning to go abroad think earlier about how to plan their academic careers so that the widest possible options will be available to them.

"Obviously there isn't a perfect correlation," admitted Dean Bradfield, "but we feel its strong enough."

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Strategists selected for Great Names Series

Special to *The Spectator*

James Carville, the country's best known and most colorful political consultant, and Mary Matalin, a former deputy campaign manager for George Bush's re-election bid in 1992, will begin next year's Great Names at Hamilton Series. The couple will speak in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House on October 15, 1996.

Carville, who has managed more campaigns than any other political consultant in America, got his first job in politics — canvassing for a car dealer running for the Louisiana state Legislature — while still a student at Ascension Catholic High School. In 1962, he entered Louisiana State University and flunked out four years later. After serving two years in the Marine Corps, he returned to LSU, finished his undergraduate degree at night, and then went on to earn a law degree also at Louisiana State University.

While working as a litigator for a Baton Rouge law firm, Carville consulted Democrats running for local and statewide offices from 1973 until 1979. He managed his first campaign, a U.S. Senate race in Virginia, in 1982 before teaming up with Paul Begala in 1989 to form the Carville & Begala political consulting firm, specializing in strategy, message development, "earned media", and supporting the Democratic ticket.

Carville reached the media spotlight as a political strategist with Bill Clinton's election to the Presidency in 1992. He was honored in 1993 as the Campaign Manager of the Year by the American Association of Political Consultants for his leadership of Clinton's Little Rock campaign

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Hit-and-run in Main Quad

By Thomas Ayres '98
News Editor

It used to be that delivering a pizza was a rather innocuous task for the employees of the local establishments, but after last weekend's sideswipe, hit-and-run by a freshman in a borrowed vehicle, it seems that guys named Tony, Roma, and Vincent had best beware.

At approximately 1:45 a.m. Saturday night an anonymous call was placed to Campus Safety concerning a vehicular accident in the Main Quad. When a security officer responded, he found a lamppost smashed into three pieces and a damaged '87 Pontiac 6000 belonging to Mike Hamlin, a 19-year-old resident of Clinton and an employee of Tony's Pizzeria.

Acccording to his own account of the event, Hamlin was delivering a pizza inside Kirkland Dormitory when he heard the cacophony of colliding cars. Exiting the dorm less than a minute afterwards, he saw that it was his Pontiac that had been sideswiped, and the car that had inflicted the damage - a Jeep Cherokee - was driving away.

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Cinco de Mayo on May 3

By Brian Giacometi '99
News Staff Writer

Everyone's an expert and everybody else is a fool when it comes to what Hamilton needs. Whether it's fresh bagels, fraternity houses, or a personal masseuse and trainer for every student, everybody has a suggestion that they are more than willing to share.

One idea that is becoming quite recurring is the notion of a closer community. Complaints fly that everyone stays in their respective clique and fears any divergence from that security.

Class and Charter Day is upon us, and in turn so is the end of the year. "It's a time for the community to get together and not stress out about all of our work - we can just have a good time," declares Chris Plecs, on the up-and-coming Cinco de Mayo celebration. But how can the entire Hamilton community have a good time together when it seems that everyone has such a different idea of what a good time is? That is why this day is designed to entertain everybody, and falls on a day that is so easy to celebrate - the last day of classes.

The theme is Cinco de Mayo, (and for all you Spanish majors, yes, we know) implying a Mexican-American celebration. Bon Apetite will be rolling out a fancy Mexican-style picnic to be followed by tequila shooters - no, I'm kidding. But I'm not kidding about the enormous amount of work that went into this day, and the incredible anticipation that people are feeling, wondering of its fate. Drive-in movie, a Mariachi Band, traditional Sri Lankan dancers, Gordon's Tractor, Grooved Pavement, and numerous activities that would parallel our last day of school with that of Rydell High from *Grease*, if only we were so lucky.

But ask any upperclassmen how these days have been in the past, they'll answer, "Well, uhh... have we

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Profs receive honorable appointments

Special to *The Spectator*

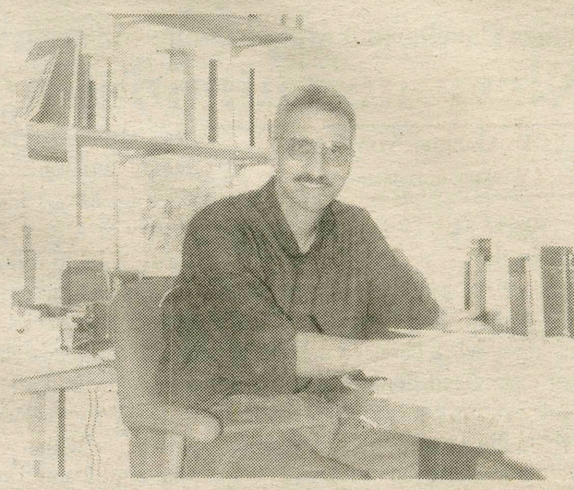
Three professors were recently appointed to positions within their departments. Frank M. Anechiarico, Carl A. Rubino, and Carole Bellini-Sharp are the honored professors.

Frank M. Anechiarico has recently been appointed the Maynard-Knox Professor of Government. Anechiarico graduated from Hamilton in 1971 and then received his Ph.D. from Indiana University. This chair has been empty for the past 66 years.

William H. Maynard was a lawyer in Utica and gave the college $20,000 in 1837 to be used for a law professor. James Knox was a member of the class of 1830 and added to Maynard's endowment. Anechiarico joined the Hamilton faculty in 1976 and teaches courses in public administration, constitutional law, and the criminal justice system. He is currently the chair of the Government Department.

Carole Bellini-Sharp has been a professor here at Hamilton since 1973 after having received her Ph.D. from Carnegie-Mellon University. She has now been appointed the Marjorie and Robert W. McEwen Professor of Theatre. Bellini-Sharp is the college's Marshal and has chaired the Theatre and Dance departments for the past couple of years. She has also directed numerous student and college theatre productions and is an advocate for the arts.

Another newly appointed chair is Carl A. Rubino. He is now the Edward North Professor of Classics. Rubino has been at Hamilton since 1989. He received his Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo and now teaches courses in Latin and Greek. Rubino is also the founder of College 100: The Unity of Knowledge, which he started four years ago and is still teaching.



Anechiarico has been appointed the Maynard-Knox Professor. PHOTO BY RITU MONGU '99

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headquarters, known as the "War Room." This role also made him the focus, along with George Stephanopoulos, of the feature-length documentary film, "The War Room," an Academy Award nominee.

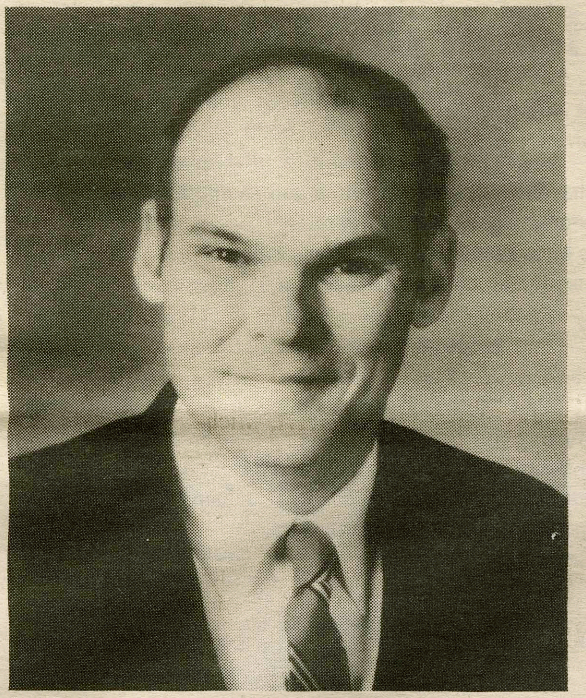
Carville is currently serving as a Senior Political Advisor to the President. He recently completed his second book entitled *We're Right, They're Wrong, A Handbook for Spirited Progressives* which is a no-nonsense guide to the "real meaning and likely consequences" of the present day Republican agenda. In March, 1996, his book reached #1 on the *New York Times* Best Seller's list.

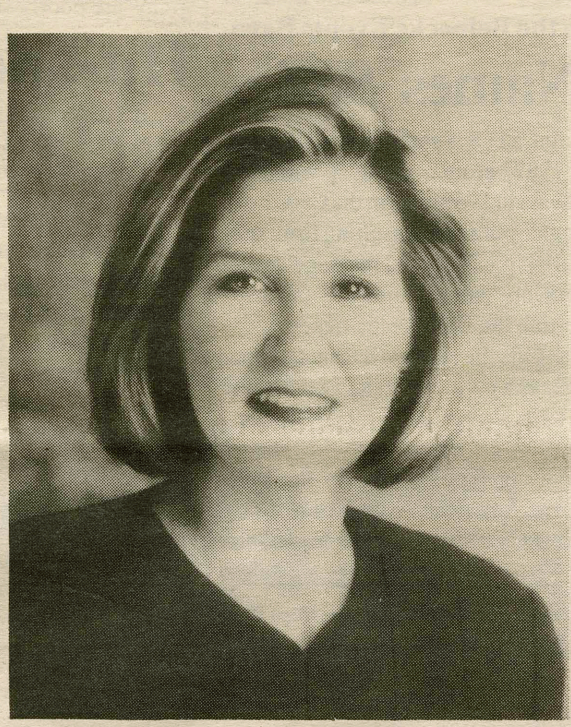
Carville is married to Mary Matalin, who is now the co-host of the nightly political talk show "Equal Time" on CNBC. The couple co-wrote *All's Fair: Love, War and Running for the President*, the best-selling political memoir in American history. The book explores their roles in opposing political camps during the 1992 presidential campaign.

Matalin serves as a frequent network political commentator on the CBS Talk Radio Network with her own three-hour afternoon broadcast. "The Mary Matalin Show" features Matalin discussing a full range of issues and events, interacting with guests and fielding listener calls. *Talkers Magazine* listed Ms. Matalin as one of the "100 Most Important Talk Show Hosts in America" in 1996.

Matalin has been active in campaign and party politics since college, starting at the grassroots level in local and statewide campaigns in her native Illinois. The Reagan Revolution brought her to Washington, D.C., where she served the Republican National Committee (RNC) in the Political Education, Re-districting, and Deputy Chairman offices, before attending Hofstra Law School.

In 1984, Matalin returned to the RNC and held the position of Voter Contact Director for the Reagan-Bush Campaign. Following the campaign, she worked in the Public Affairs Office for President Reagan's Inaugural. In 1985, Matalin became the Chief of Staff to the Co-Chairman of the RNC, and began working for the "George Bush for President" campaign in 1986. Over the next two years, she held three different positions. She was the Deputy Political Director and Midwest Regional Political Director in the primary and served as the National Victory '88 Director in the general campaign. Upon President Bush's victory and appointment of Lee Atwater as Chairman of the RNC, she served as Mr. Atwater's Chief of Staff. In 1992, President Bush named her the Deputy Campaign Manager for Political Operations, for which she was responsible for the overview and organization of all 50 state operations. As the on-board planner who travelled with President Bush throughout the 1992 campaign, she emerged as a vocal and occasionally controversial defender of the President and his policies.





James Carville and Mary Matalin will begin the Great Names Series for the fall.

Nirvanic culminating experience arrives

By Gabriel Meyer '96
FORMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the May 19 Commencement date for the Class of 1996 rapidly approaches, planning for Senior Week has shifted into high gear. Held during the week between the end of final exams and graduation, Senior Week provides an opportunity for soon to be Hamilton graduates to relax and share good times with their friends after their final days on the Hill.

This year's Senior Week events will include a paint ball war, daily happy hours at the Little Pub, a trip to the Turning Stone Casino and a go-cart track, as well as numerous parties and dances. The week of special events will culminate on Friday evening, May 17, with a fireworks display at Mason Field, and a pub crawl that will follow.

On Saturday, the final day before Commencement, students will be able to attend a champagne brunch prior to the mid-afternoon Baccalaureate Service. A Commencement Ball will be held that evening from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

According to Senior Class Representative and band coordinator for Senior Week Tim Fox, 60 passes for the events have been sold and he expects that 300 more passes will be sold before the events begin.

"Senior Week 96 promises to be a the nirvanic culminating experience for the graduating class of 1996," said Fox.

"It will be a chance for members of our class to spend time with both good friends and Malph," added Senior Class Representative Audrey Weiner.

For seniors, a pass admitting them to all Senior Week events, costs $20 with alcohol included and $15 without. Passes for non-seniors are $5 dollars more. They will be allowed to buy alcohol-inclusive passes provided they can produce proper identification demonstrating that they are of legal drinking age. After May 12, the price of all passes will rise by an unspecified amount.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Former town justice to speak at Class and Charter Day

Eleanor Wertimer, who served as Kirkland town justice for two decades, will speak at the annual Class and Charter Day Convocation on Friday, May 3, at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel. Her speech, "Women on the Hill: *Veni, Vidi, Vici*," is free and open to the general public.

A native of Buffalo and a graduate of Smith College, Wertimer returned to her hometown to earn a law degree from the University of Buffalo. In 1952, she moved to Clinton with her husband, Sidney Wertimer, Jr. who recently retired from Hamilton as the Marjorie and Robert W. McEwen Professor of Economics and the College Marshal.

During her career, Wertimer has served the community in a variety of capacities. Prior to becoming town justice, she was an attorney for the Oneida County Department of Social Services and executive director of Family Services of Greater Utica. Wertimer also has served on various boards, including the Clinton School Board, the YWCA, Children's Hospital, the Utica Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Greater Utica United Way, which she is currently assisting as a loaned executive. In 1995, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the SUNY Institute of Technology for her many community contributions.

In addition to Wertimer's speech, Hamilton's *a capella* singing groups will perform as well as the Brass Choir. Class Charter Day is a community event that recognizes and celebrates students' meritorious achievements.

Student of foreign languages named Fulbright Scholar

Melissa Kastler, a senior foreign languages major, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study and conduct research in Japan next year. This is the second consecutive year that a Hamilton student has been chosen for the prestigious fellowship. Last year's award went to William Russell Jr., to study and conduct research at the National University of Singapore.

Kastler, who will receive her bachelor's degree during Commencement on Sunday, May 19, will look at Japanese traditions and how they affect the current educational policies in that country. Her research will include a day-to-day analysis of the school systems. She has requested to be sent to Tokyo, but is still waiting for confirmation.

The Fulbright Program was created in 1946 to foster mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchanges. U.S. Senator William Fulbright, the prime sponsor of the program, saw it as a step toward building an alternative to armed conflict.

Selection for participation in the highly regarded program is extremely competitive. The competition for college seniors is even more intense as many Fulbright scholars are master's and Ph.D. degree candidates.

Kastler, a native of Bladwinsville, attended Charles W. Baker High School.

Conference on National History Standards hosted

The College hosted a free one-day conference for area middle school and high school social studies teachers on Thursday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Bristol Campus Center. The focus of the conference was the National History Standards for U.S. history and what they mean to social studies teachers in the Mohawk Valley.

The Standards were prepared as a part of the Goals 2000 Project, funded by the Department of Education and the National Endowment for The Humanities. Since their completion in 1994, the Standards have been immersed in controversy. National figures such as Lynn Cheney and Rush Limbaugh emphatically condemn them, whereas scores of nationally and internationally prominent educators enthusiastically support the Standards.

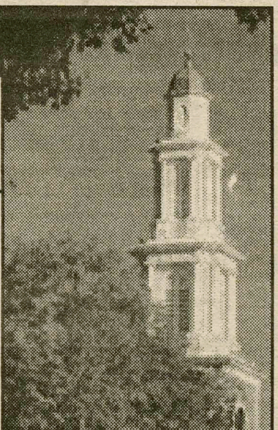
The conference featured discussions, workshops, and explanations by educators who worked on the Standards. Featured speakers included Hamilton's James S. Sherman Professor of Government, Dr. David Paris; Claire Deloria, an adjunct instructor at Le Moyne College and member of the N.Y.S. Curriculum and Assessment Committee for Social Studies; Dr. William Everdell, dean of Humanities at Saint Ann's School and Dr. John Pyne, the humanities supervisor at West Milford High School (N.J.) and member of the U.S. History Focus Group for National History Standards.

The event funded by a grant from the Organization of American Historians' Fund for American History, the Rockefeller Foundation and Hamilton College.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

COMPILED BY SCOTT KOCHER '97



College ranking system tainted by data manipulation

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that 100 of 1,366 schools fixed data for ranking in U.S. News and World Report's survey spinoff, America's Best Colleges. Boston University officials admit they exclude the verbal SAT scores of about 350 international students. A BU spokesman says that ignoring these scores is an attempt to present meaningful data for the readers. But the ranking isn't done for the reader's benefit, he says. Rather, the manipulation is done as a commercial venture for the sole purpose of selling a product.

New College of the U. of South Florida, which rated No. 1 in Money Magazine's 1994 rankings, acknowledged submitting inaccurate data for that guide. New College officials admit they buffed the average for years by eliminating the bottom 6 percent of scores.

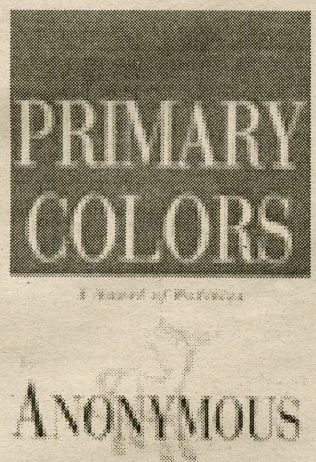
Marshall University officials have admitted to feeding inconsistent data to college surveys in the past. Officials there told Barron's college guide 47 percent of MU students scored above 21 on the ACT but told Peterson's college guide 36 percent scored above 21.

Despite the falsifications, schools that cheat don't lower the validity of the survey because U.S. News doesn't use the inaccurate information to rank schools. Submissions are reviewed by a group of admissions and financial aid officers and then by experts on academic data at major institutions.

Amherst sued by mistakenly accepted student

Julia Melissa Enrile, a senior at Suffield Academy in Connecticut, received notification of her acceptance to Amherst for the class of 2000 on February 23. Now she's suing the college for breach of contract, detrimental reliance, irreparable harm, and intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress. The suit stems from an attempt by the college to revoke her acceptance because of a clerical error, which mistakenly resulted in the mailing of an acceptance letter for an early decision application when she should have been deferred to the regular application pool. The letter congratulated the high school senior on her "outstanding record of accomplishment", but college officials have since stated that Enrile is ill-prepared for Amherst's rigorous academic standards.

Top ten books sold on college campuses



The Chronicle of Higher Education has recently complied a list of the best-selling books with college and university students. The last entry, "We're Right, They're Wrong", is authored by James Carville, a recently selected speaker for the Great Names at Hamilton Series next fall.

1. PRIMARY COLORS, by Anonymous
2. SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS, by David Guterson
3. RUSH LIMBAUGH IS A BIG FAT IDIOT, by Al Franken
4. THE RAINMAKER, by John Grisham
5. THERE'S TREASURE EVERYWHERE, by Bill Watterson
6. THE GREEN MILE: THE TWO DEAD GIRLS, by Stephen King
7. DEAD MAN WALKING, by Helen Prejean
8. THE GLASS LAKE, by Maeve Binchy
9. IT TAKES A VILLAGE, by Hillary Rodham Clinton
10. WE'RE RIGHT, THEY'RE WRONG, by James Carville

Talk show host Leno cancels Loyola U. visit for lack of scholarly wisdom

Comedian Jay Leno backed out of a speaking engagement at Loyola University Chicago's 125th anniversary celebration in September after learning of student dissatisfaction with the choice. "Some students apparently felt that a university of our caliber should have someone more cerebral than a comedian," said a Loyola spokesman. A statement issued by Leno said that he would "gladly accept an offer in the future with the full approval" of students.

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WORLD NEWS

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Countries celebrate May Day

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin and his chief Communist rival turned a Soviet-era holiday into a frenzy of Western-style electioneering Wednesday at huge May Day marches and rallies. With the Russian presidential election just six weeks away, intensive campaigning lent an air of political urgency to the festivities on a holiday long used by the authorities to extol the glories of labor. In Cuba, President Fidel Castro declared that socialism on the island is stronger than ever - and called out 1 million people Wednesday to help him prove it. Castro's three-hour speech set the stage for the first major May Day celebration on the island in three years. Also, two people were killed and six were injured in Instanbul Wednesday when police clashed with workers before the start of a May Day demonstration.

Japanese TV network apologies for ties to cult

TOKYO - One of Japan's largest TV networks aired a four-hour program Tuesday apologizing for its involvement with the doomsday cult accused of nerve gas attacks in March 1995. In November, Tokyo Broadcasting System President Hirozo Isozakihe allowed Aum Shrinri Kyo cult members to see an interview with a lawyer who was leading a crusade against the cult. One week later, the lawyer and his family were murdered. Cult leader Shoko Asahara is on trial for the subway attack that killed 12 people and injured more than 5,500.

EU says ban on British beef will stand

LUXEMBOURG - The European Union says it has no plans to lift its month-old ban on British beef despite Britain's latest proposals to eradicate mad cow disease. The EU instituted the ban after Britain's March 20 announcement of a link between a brain-wasting disease in cattle and a similar human disease. The EU did raise the possibility that the ban may be lifted as early as next week.

28-year-old charged in Australian massacre

POST ARTHUR, Australia - Martin Bryant was formally charged with murder at a hospital bedside court hearing Tuesday. The 28-year-old with no criminal record but a history of mental problems is suspected of killing 35 people Sunday and Monday. He was only charged with one count of murder, but police said additional charges would be filed soon. When asked, Bryant would not enter a plea. Judge Peter Dixon ordered him to remain in custody and to appear in court on May 22.

Mongolia requests aid to fight huge fires

BEIJING - Mongolia has appealed for international aid to help extinguish wildfires sweeping through its vast grasslands and pristine mountain forests. The fires have killed 15 people and injured 60, and are still raging throughout much of north and central Mongolia. In a statement received in Beijing Wednesday, Mongolia asked for water cannon, fire extinguishers, parachutes, radios, diesel fuel, tents and financial aid.

Famous priest in flap over Holocaust book

PARIS - A prominent anti-racism group Wednesday expelled France's most popular priest for supporting an author who questioned aspects of the Holocaust.

Abbe Pierre, considered France's foremost champion of the poor and homeless, initially supported a book that questions the number of Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II and accuses Israel of exploiting the Holocaust for political ends. On Tuesday, Abbe Pierre backed away from his support for Roger Garaudy's book, *Founding Myths of Israeli Politics.*

For that reason, the League Against Racism and Anti-semitism said it was expelling Abbe Pierre from the group's honorary committee. The committee includes celebrities who espouse the ideals of the group. The action effectively meant the priest was expelled from the group, since his only membership was on the honorary committee, where he was member for 20 years.

It was unclear whether the popularity of the 83-year-old priest, a longtime supporter of rights for the homeless and African immigrants, will be affected. Abbe Pierre is idolized in France. His deeds date back to the Resistance, when he helped save many Jews from deportation during the Nazi occupation.

Abbe Pierre said he never read the entire book, but agreed with its argument that historians should focus on all of the millions of people exterminated by the Nazis, not just the Jews.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Feds quietly call off Hooters sex-bias probe

WASHINGTON - Don't look for Hooters guys any time soon. After a four-year investigation, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has quietly ended its investigation of the Hooters restaurant chain for refusing to hire waiters to work alongside scantily clad waitresses.

Kaczynski paper rejected before 1st bombing

NEW YORK - A professor told ABC's World News Tonight that Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski vowed "to get even" after his efforts to publish a manuscript were rejected by two universities. Northwestern University math Professor Don Saari said Kaczynski came to him in 1978 about publishing a paper on the evils of technology. Saari referred Kaczynski to other professors who apparently rejected the paper. Five weeks later, a package found in a University of Illinois at Chicago parking lot exploded.

Video shows suspect, victim's severed head

SPARTA, Mich. - Police have arrested a teenager who they say made a videotape of himself mutilating the severed head of a man he had killed. When detectives arrested Federico Cruz, 16, on Tuesday, they found the head wrapped in plastic, sitting outside his house. Cruz, a high school dropout with a criminal record, confessed to bludgeoning an unidentified man to death last Thursday.

1995 was hottest year on record

GENEVA - Last year was the hottest ever recorded, scientists said Tuesday. They also said 1995 brought unusually severe hurricanes, unseasonable floods and a gaping ozone hole. The World Meteorological Organization indicated the weather might be part of the pattern of global warming, but it stopped short of pinning the blame on humans.

Abandoned lion cub has new home

DETROIT - Lexus, an 8-month-old lion abandoned in a vacant Detroit house, has a new home with 60 other big cats. The healthy, 80-pound cub was flown to Texas and new digs at the Exotic Feline Shelter in Boyd, 30 miles NW of Fort Worth. Michigan authorities found Lexus in February tied to a radiator. "He was scruffy, but he had been socialized with people," said the Michigan Humane Society's Gary Tiscornia. Officials never found out how the cub got into the house. However, they suspect it was the animal's owner, unable to care for the lion, who called in the tip that led investigators to the house.

News

Professor Doran discusses scholarship possibilities

By Aleksandr Voninski '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday evening, Katheryn Doran, Professor of Philosophy, gave an informal informational meeting on various grants, scholarships and fellowships available to students after graduation. Numerous and different possibilities exist for graduating Hamilton students to explore.

Foremost in Professor Doran's discussion was information regarding the Thomas Watson Fellowship. Regarded as one of the most prestigious fellowships offered to graduating seniors, the Watson Fellowship provides $16,000 dollars for independent study anywhere overseas. The scholarship is offered to students who want to do work that cannot be done here in the United States. Many projects that students work on involve cross-cultural and comparison studies in Third World or underdeveloped nations.

To win the highly competitive fellowship, the Watson Foundation looks for students personally connected to the project, either by culture or language, and looks for students interested in projects atypical from what most people study when they go overseas. About 60 students from across the U.S. are chosen to participate in the one year overseas research program.

Hamilton's Watson winner last year was awarded the research opportunity to build and create role-playing games in Russia. This year, the Watson Fellowship was awarded to Hamilton student Sangeeta Budhiraja '96, who will research "Feminism and the Indian Diaspora." Budhiraja plans to travel to India and a host of other nations with significant Indian populations, including South Africa, Great Britain and Trinidad.

When asked about why she chose to research feminist Indian movements around the world, Budhiraja replied, "Because of my experiences here at Hamilton as a Womyn's Studies major, I really wanted to do something that deals with my life. I'm really excited that I'm going to be a part of some radical feminist politics in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean. I'm planning on dealing with rape crises, support groups for domestic violence victims, sexual assault work and basic literacy programs at a number of women's resource centers."

Budhiraja believes that her experience abroad will provide her with greater understanding of feminist work in the women's communities and will provide her with numerous contacts and possibilities for work in the future. She added that, "This will be a year of tremendous growth for me personally. I will be able to see first hand a network of Indian women's communities around the world dedicated to the feminist movement. This is something I've been looking for in my life for a long time and I'm so excited that I was chosen and given this chance."

Professor Doran stressed that more than one Hamilton student can win the Fellowship and that each year, four Hamilton seniors are nominated to the national board for review. She feels that all four of the seniors who are nominated each year deserve the award, yet because of the intense competition, usually only one student can win. She stressed that the more Hamilton students become involved and apply for the Fellowship, the greater everyone's chances are.

Besides the Watson Fellowship, numerous other highly prestigious scholarships exist for those who wish to pursue them. The Fulbright Scholarship is an award given to seniors who wish to do academic work overseas and there is usually one winner per year from the Hamilton community. Fulbright Scholarships are generally awarded to students proficient in a certain language who are willing to do academic work in the less popular or more remote countries.

The Marshall scholarship is a very prestigious award given to students with stellar academic records. It provides money for study at any British University. The Rhodes Scholarship, which President Clinton was awarded in his college days, provides funds to study at Oxford University in England. Students usually accepted are gifted both academically and athletically who plan on staying at Oxford for at least two years.

One final scholarship available to just Hamilton students is the George Watson Fellowship. Different from the Thomas Watson Fellowship, this program allows a student to go teach in a Scotland high school which has long had an academic relationship with Hamilton College. Professor Doran stressed the importance of all these fellowships and the multitude of possibilities they can provide for graduating students. She encourages all that are interested in any of these programs to contact her for additional information.

Revitalized Class and Charter Day hopes to unite campus through today's activities

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had it before?" Class and Charter day, excluding the prestigious noon-time ceremony, has been relatively quiet in the past, with a barbecue and the occasional band to lighten things up.

So why now? Why this year? What has happened to make 1996 the year of the (hopeful) revival of the Class and Charter Day of old. The answer lies in the magical letters: CCC. The Community Conference Committee, recognized by more and more people everyday as, well existing, joins members of various campus groups together in an all-out effort to improve the campus.

What a great idea! How come this organization isn't more popular than it is? How come we're not hearing more about these people and who they are? Well, while it's a great idea to attempt to unite the students and their different interests, in order to throw everyone together under one label "Hamilton students," and have them enjoy some time together with random people doing random things - there has to be a pretty unique situation. And with the exception of Freshman Orientation and the Housing Lottery, those days are few and far between.

So what's the holdup? Well, reorganizing a community takes a lot of work, and for the little credit and congratulations received, people willing to do the work aren't exactly a dime-a-dozen. Jaime Tackett, in that sense, as the current chair of the CCC, is one of the truly amazing people on this campus. After spending an entire semester on this day she has visited the emotional end of the earth. She watched the planning "...get shot to hell, then fixed, then shot to hell again, then fixed again, and shot to hell." But Tackett is currently enjoying a peaceful moment, knowing that everything worked out in the end, in a matter of speaking.

Due to an immense downpour, that likely everyone saw, all the campus grounds were declared closed by Physical Plant. They are so saturated that they are very sensitive to damage, and graduation looms within days of this event. So after replanning, the day was to be set right outside the athletic center, using Sage Rink as a rain sight. Now Sage Rink is the official sight.

Although this puts a damper on the celebration, and eliminates the Slip 'n' Slide from the list of events, the day still appears very promising. Other activities, such as kite-making, fencing demonstrations, tug o' war, and a Twister contest creates such a wide variety that it will be difficult to **not** find something to suit one's interests.

One interesting exhibition will be the dunk-tank, where for $1 you will have the chance to soak a number of Hamilton community members including Ken Kogut, Rit Fuller, Doug Ambrose, Sara Stein, and Tackett herself. The money will be given to the J.C.T.O.D. outreach shelter in Utica, as the CCC is a non-profit organization. Hamilton students are currently helping to restore it as part of a HAVOC project.

The schedule begins as soon as the ceremony (and with it, classes) are finished. From around 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. the Mariachi Band, courtesy of La Vanguardia, and Sanda Kinduro ("Moon Fairies"), a Sri Lankan traditional dance troupe will alternate on stage while people (including students, faculty, family, etc.) enjoy the numerous thrills that the CCC will lay out for everyone. These acts will be interrupted at 1:45 by our very own Hamiltones.

At 3:30 p.m., Physical Plants's Eddie Reilly - a club performer that is expecting to attract a large faculty crowd - will perform. 4:30 - Gordon's Tractor. 5:30 - Grooved Pavement. And at 9, the now-famous drive-in movie will take place outside of Bristol on the Terrace; rain site - Alumni Gym.

"This year sounds to be really something else, more in the spirit of what Class and Charter Day is," says Senior Class Delegate Tim Fox. What is the spirit of C + C Day? Apparently, it was (and still is) a day dedicated to keeping the Hamilton of old alive. This is the reason for having an alum speak during the ceremony of the olden days. Fox also remembered how his father, also a Hamilton grad, "still clearly remembers the C + C Day speaker, but can't remember his graduation speaker."

Few are the days left where the biggest worry is a ten-page paper in Swahili is due the next day. Few are the days where falling asleep at 6 a.m. only to sleep until 4 p.m. is excepted (but not common). Few are the days where people still are deciding there true niche in the world. And few are the days where a midnight pizza with a friend can make you forget everything.

So remember that while everyone thinks they know what is right for Hamilton, they only need to worry about what is right for themselves... and Hamilton will surely follow. And while people are complaining of the need for community, there is a group on campus that is dedicated to just that. So thank the CCC, the real heroes of the day, if it's to be a success. And next year, as Chris Plecs, takes over for Tackett as chair - wish him luck, for everyone will have an opinion on how he should do his job.

Restrictions affect the class of 2000

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The cumulative GPA is calculated using the first two of the three semesters preceding a student's planned semester overseas. Thus, if a student planned to go abroad in the fall of their junior year, the GPA would look at the second semester of the freshman year and the first semester of the sophomore year.

However, if a student receives an F or an FF in the semester immediately preceding departure, he or she will not be allowed to travel abroad.

The motion was amended so that students in several concentrations, including French, could acquire a waiver for the new policy with the consent of the program coordinator or department head. The reason for the amendment was that some felt that there should be more flexibility in the policy.

Of the current juniors studying abroad, almost twenty percent wouldn't qualify under the new policy. However, Dean Bradfield believes that had the GPA requirements been in place prior to their study, all the students now studying overseas would have achieved at least the minimum GPA of 82.

First year in borrowed car sideswipes parked pizza guy

*continued from **Wreck** on page 1*

A group of students ran across the Quad and stopped the vehicle, persuading the driver to take responsibility and exchange information with the owner of the Pontiac. The driver identified himself as Richard White '99 and gave Hamlin his telephone number.

White apparently then drove off in the sport-utility vehicle, which he had borrowed from a fellow student. Interestingly enough, the Cherokee is actually registered to the student's brother, who attends Union College.

Hamlin went back to Tony's to continue working, and was contacted about twenty minutes later by Campus Safety, who had since contacted the Kirkland Police Department.

After some confusion by Campus Security and Kirkland Police as to the responsible parties, the Cherokee was found in the visitors parking lot where Hamlin, the owner, and security and police officers confirmed that White was in fact the driver.

White was found in his Kirkland dorm room and issued two summons by the police - one for "driving at a speed not responsible" and "leaving the scene of a vehicular accident."

Hamlin, whose family has owned the Pontiac since 1989, has decided not to press criminal charges. An arrangement to cover the $1,800 worth of damage in dents, scrapes, and broken taillights to the Pontiac is being currently being negotiated between White and the Hamlin family.

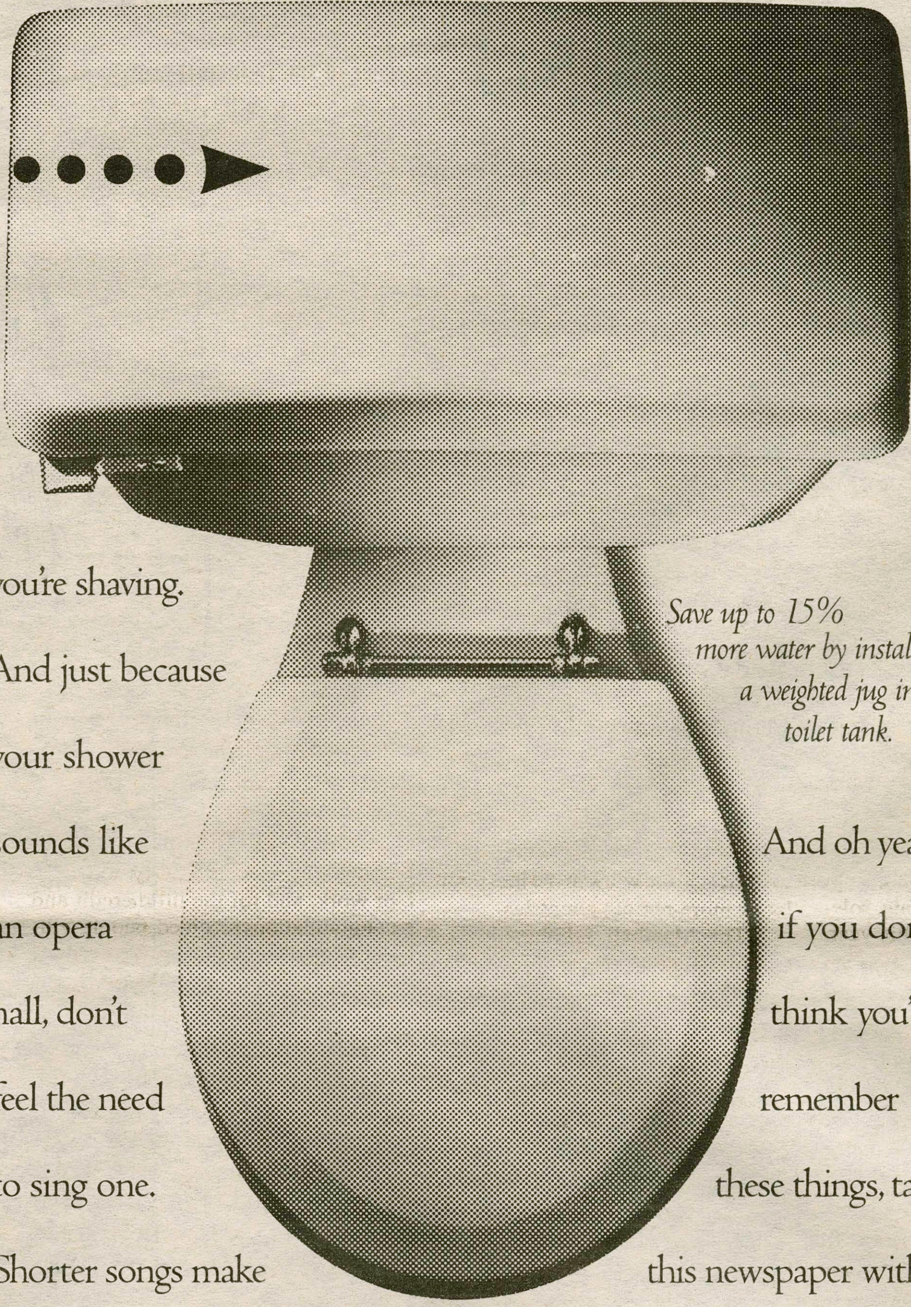
Hamlin continues to use the car for deliveries and has no intention of quitting his job nor stop delivering on the Hill.

The case has been turned over to the Dean of Students office for internal investigation, but no disciplinary action has been taken as of yet.

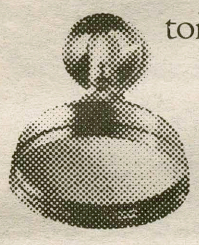
Director of Security Pat Ingalls, citing that this is the third accident this year involving borrowed cars, urged students to be cautious in lending their cars to friends.

"In the case of accidents or parking tickets, the owner always loses, "she said. "Whether it be increased insurance rates or tickets billed to their account, the owner that ultimately ends up being financially responsible."

HOW TO USE THE BATHROOM.



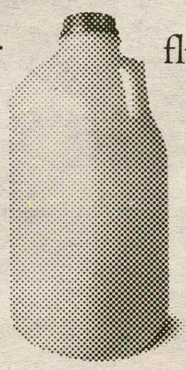
You're probably saying to yourself, any four-year-old knows how to use the bathroom. But you may not know that you use more water in the bathroom than anyplace else in your home. In fact, between the toilet, the shower and the sink you can use up to 55 gallons a day. Multiply that by the number of homes in the world, and that's a lot of natural resources going down the drain.



You could end up using 30 to 60% less water by using a low-flow shower head.

Now, we're not saying you should stop taking showers or brushing your teeth. We're just suggesting some simple bathroom training. For instance, when you're brushing your teeth, turn off the water. Do the same when you're shaving.

And just because your shower sounds like an opera hall, don't feel the need to sing one. Shorter songs make for shorter showers. And for the biggest culprit of them all, the toilet, try putting a weighted jug in the tank. It will help save water every time you flush. Plus, don't forget to turn out the lights when you leave. You'll be helping to conserve electricity.



Save up to 15% more water by installing a weighted jug in your toilet tank.

And oh yeah, if you don't think you'll remember these things, take this newspaper with you the next time you go.

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SECURITY BLOTTER

- compiled by Alden Barlow '98

Wednesday April 24
9:28 am: Hamilton Security responded to a call about a fire alarm in Rogers Estate.
7:45 pm: A fire alarm in Carnegie dorm was reported to security.

Thursday April 25
4:30 am: Vandalism was reported to security. The lawn was damaged next to Carnegie Residence Hall.
7:53 am: A fire alarm was reported at Physical Plant.

Friday April 26
12:05 am: Hamilton Security received a call reporting a fire alarm in South.
2:45 am: A report of criminal mischief was called in to Milbank.
5:00 am: Security received a call about vandalism done to the Burke library.

Saturday April 27
12:15 am: Larceny in Bundy East was reported.
1:50 am: A medical emergency was called in to security.

Sunday April 28
1:13 am: A fire alarm in E.L.S. was reported to security.
1:45 am: Hamilton Security received a report of a motor vehicle accident which occurred on the main quad.
3:00 pm: Vandalism to a motor vehicle parked in Root Extension was reported.
10:47 pm: Security answered the call concerning a fire alarm in the Delta Kappa Epsilon house.

Monday April 29
12:30 pm: Hamilton Security received a vandalism report. A motor vehicle parked at the Field House was vandalized.

Tuesday April 30
5:00 am: A report of criminal mischief at Bundy East was called in to security.
8:04 pm: Hamilton Security received a call concerning a fire alarm in Macintosh.
9:53 pm: A fire alarm in the Little Pub was reported to security.

Wednesday May 1
5:15 am: Vandalism to the quad was reported.

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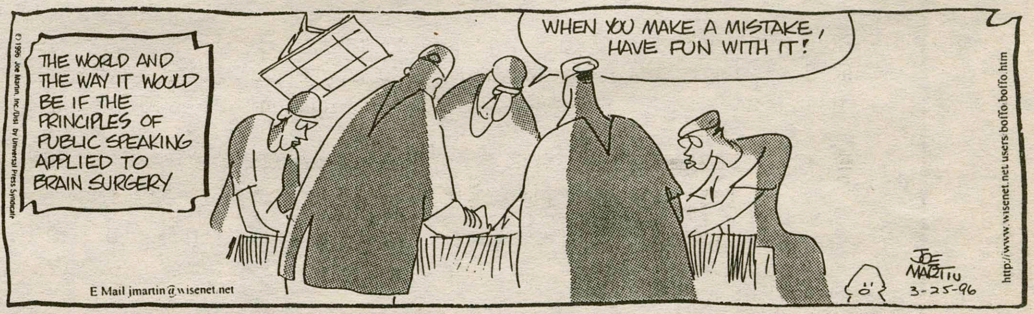

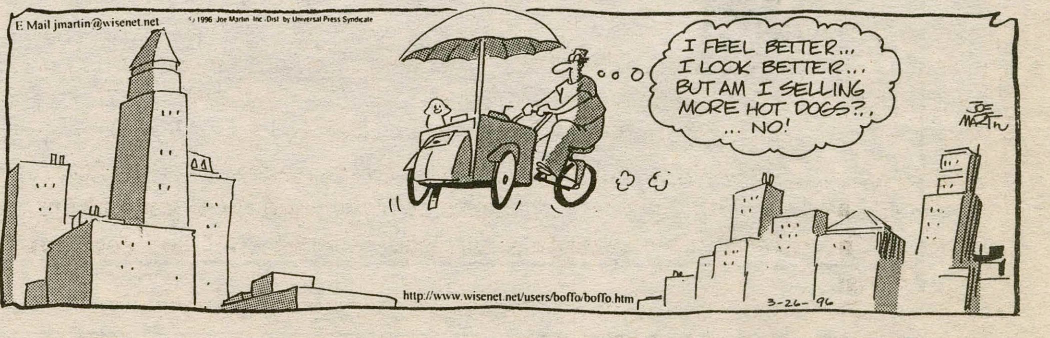

Thomas Bass brings his harrowing tale of Vietnam to Hamilton the silent tales of lost children and hidden endeavors are discovered

By Marie L. Follayttar '98
Features Editor

On Tuesday night April 30th at 8:00 p.m. during the last of the Hamilton College Reading Series, Thomas Bass read from his newly published book *Vietnamerica*. The reading was set on the date marking the twenty-first anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

Bass was introduced by Professor of Creative Writing Lucy Ferriss who has organized the production of the Reading Series. The Hamilton Reading Series sponsored by the English and Creative Writing Departments has brought many outstanding writers to the Hamilton community including Michael Martone, Deborah Digges, Shona Ramaya and Lucy Ferriss. All have graced the podium in the Events Barn. Ferriss described Bass's work as creative nonfiction; "detail finding not making up, but finding the very real items, the truth of life." This idea of creative nonfiction is used to describe poetic development of nonfiction accounts. *Vietnamerica* is Bass's fourth book

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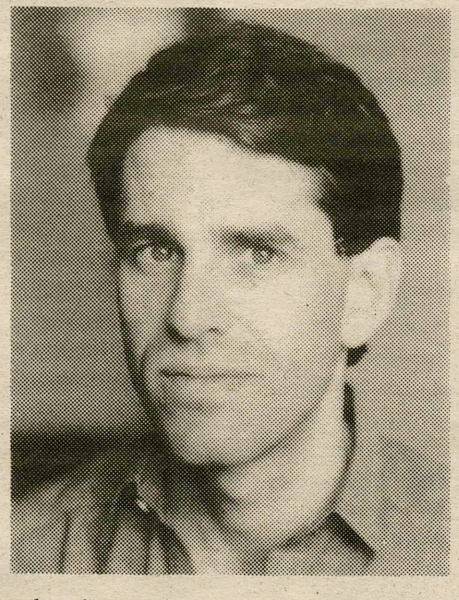
and is the result of over a decade of research. His research propelled him to commute from the Utica area (his current area of residence- actually he lives on the Hamilton campus where he can watch the Events Barn) to Vietnam several times in the past ten years, as he tried to piece together the stories of Vietnamericans.

Bass's title *Vietnamerica* was taken from a song by the Stranglers. The basic story behind Bass's book is that during the Vietnam War American troops engaged in affairs with Vietnamese women, and often the result of these encounters produced children. Contrary to public belief (spawned perhaps by the musical Miss Saigon where the two main characters Kim and Chris engage in a one night affair) these children were not often the result of "one-night-stands." The average American-Vietnamese relationship lasted for four years and often each couple produced two or three Amerasians. Unfortunately, these children were outcasts in Vietnam and were an embarrassment to the United States government. As Bass said, "The Vietnamese are even racist among themselves." One child named Charlie Brown was put in prison for seven years for being Amerasian. The situation of these children, therefore, was ignored for several years. In 1987 the United States government realized its mistake and ordered the airlifting of these Amerasian children out of Vietnam and onto American soil.



For a while Utica, New York (believe it or not) was the "capital" of amerasian immigrants, and Bass has followed the stories of these children from their birth in Vietnam to their subsequent settlement in the United States. The children who participated in the airlifting expected to be greeted by their fathers. After all, as Bass said America was the "fatherland," unfortunately, very few actually found their fathers. Some, who attempted to contact their fathers, were told never to call again, others found their father's unable to be found. Bass was approached by many of these children and was asked to help them find their father's. One case took him over four years to locate the father. The two were reunited or actually united and now have an ongoing relationship. Others, however, were not so lucky. Bass found that when he tried to locate the fathers he was faced with bureaucracy that made his job difficult. Because of the secrecy of the military, all military personnel can control and hide their involvement in wars. When Bass tried to find the current residence of military figures he was answered with statements like, "I'm sorry that information is not available." Those who did not participate in the airlifting operation for whatever reason still wait in Vietnam for their fathers. Bass spoke of one square in Vietnam where Amerasians wait for the arrival of Americans who could help them locate their fathers.

Some Amerasians in Vietnam did not believe that the United States government was actually going to transport them to the States. Having been faced with great adversity and prejudice some remarked, "They will kill you out on the ocean and will

"I think I'll abbreviate what I was going to read so that we can get on with drinking." - Bass

drop you and bury you in the water."

When Bass began his reading he opened with, "I wish I could say things that would make this amusing and cheery...but, unfortunately, this book is about Utica." Despite the sober tone of his reading Bass tried to insert anecdotes that would lighten up the crowd. At one point he even said, "I think I'll abbreviate what I was going to read so that we can get on with drinking." (The English and Creative Writing Departments sponsored a reception in the Pub which included free beer and wine-- all you can drink. This program was newly initiated by Professor Lucy Ferriss.) I, however, think that he overestimated the power of his words. (He did not overestimate the power of the story, however.) Although the story was harrowing, the nonfictional and scientific account halted a lot of the emotional connections that the lis-

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tener and the reader could have experienced. Perhaps, it is my personal prejudice towards a prose like appearance in every written work, but judging from the opinions of other students in attendance, my opinion is not isolated. I think, also, that the structure of his reading impeded our abilities to feel a connection. Bass read various passages pulled from throughout the book. We never heard a whole story, we only heard segments of several different ones, and therefore, felt in need of more information. I think if I were to read the book, rather than rely solely on the reading, then my opinion would be different. Indeed, Bass's extensive research and personal involvement with the real characters would create a fuller picture of the story. Bass even called the story, "jumbled up."

The crowd consisted of primarily professors supporting their Scholar-In-Residence. There were some students there, however, I recognized them as being primarily creative writing majors. Bass, however, did not let this faze him and he held the stage inconspicuously.

Bass's book has been applauded by numerous critics. Tobias Wolff said, "In his exactly rendered, dramatic account of the lives of the children we fathered in Vietnam and left to the mercies of fortune, Thomas Bass lays bare the souls of two nations. His chronicle of unforeseen consequences is a troubling, unflinching, profoundly humane achievement; it will undoubtedly prove to be one of the essential documents about the war and by, implication, all wars." In a time when stories about Vietnam pop up every month Bass found a new perspective upon the issue and achieved tremendously in his story.

A View into Hamilton's Past

An excerpt from the January 1985 winter magazine

"Despite a nationwide resurgence of fraternities and sororities, Hamilton College still sees to be wrestling with certain issues involving the frat system on the Hill. The administration pursues a hands-off policy towards the organizations, and is actively trying to provide fair alternatives for people who remain independent. Fraternities cite their value contributions to aspects of life at Hamilton, yet their critics feel that Greek organizations are sexist, elitist, and somewhat racist, and find their continued existence on the Hill a threat to Hamilton's coeducational experience. The Spectator interviewed fraternity and sorority members, students-at-large, and faculty members and administrators in an attempt to provide a fair representation of our community's views toward frats."

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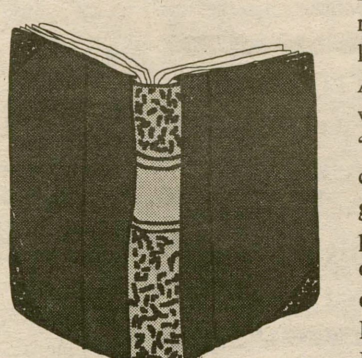
Professors Bradfield, Ferriss, O'Neill release new books

BY MARIE L. FOLLAYTTAR '98
FEATURES EDITOR

The Spring season is here and with it marks the publishing of books by several members of the Hamilton faculty.

Professor James Bradfield (also Associate dean of students) worked on a textbook *Mathematical Economics*. He collaborated with two Colgate University colleagues on this book. Professor Bradfield has been a member of the Hamilton community for the past twenty years. This book developed out of his extensive experience in teaching mathematics,economics, microeconomics, and financial markets. Through this experience he and his colleagues (both of similar experience) decided to devise a textbook to suit their purposes.



Lucy Ferriss, Associate Professor of English (although she primarily teaches creative writing courses) is celebrating the release of her third novel *Against Gravity*. She is also the author of *Philip's Girl* and the *Gated River*. Ferriss has published her short stories and essays in numerous literary magazines and is also the recipient of numerous literary prizes. *Against Gravity* published by Simon & Schuster is the recipient of the Pirate's Alley/Faulkner Award for fiction. As described in this month's Alumni Review, her book is "Set in a hamlet along the Hudson River, the story is narrated by young Gwyn Stickley and tells of her yearning to escape from a world that appears static on the surface but hides disturbing secrets underneath. She finally learns to accept family responsibilities within that world, as well as the realities of lobe and pain."

Ferriss participated in the Hamilton College Reading Series on February 6, 1996. In a review by Publishers Weekly, Against Gravity was described as "this strange story carries a kind of grace, making apparent the miracle of greatness in ordinary life." Oscar Hijuelos, author of Mr. Ives' Christmas describes it as a "beautiful novel about family and love, from one of the best writers around." Lee Smith, author of Black Mountain Breakdown, says, "Tough, grave, and sweet... a book that will stay with me for a·long time."

Patricia O'Neill, Associate Professor of English has recently published *Robert Browning and Twentieth-Century Criticism*. This book is a review of the works of Browning as well as a history of academic criticisms of his work.

Jay G. Williams, the Walcott-Bartlett Professor of Religious Studies has recently published *A Reassessment of Absolute Skepticism and Religious Faith: Standing Before the Mystery*. This book is a discourse of his premise that opinions can never be certain.

Other professors publishing works in the near future are Professor Dan Chambliss of the Sociology Department and Professor Kathleen E. Smith of the Government Department.

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Approximately 5 to 10 percent of all individuals somehow make it through childhood without getting chickenpox, one of the most common and more contagious childhood diseases.

Chickenpox is caused by the varicella-zoster virus which is one of the human herpes viruses. It is more prevalent in the winter and spring months. Transmission most often occurs with direct contact with the fluid of a lesion or the mucus membranes of an infected person. Transmission via respiratory secretions is possible but less common. An infected person is contagious until all lesions are dry and crusted. The incubation period of the virus is 10 to 21 days with the average being 14 days.

When chickenpox occurs in adults the experience is far more severe than a childhood case. Those who have had chickenpox as a child are likely to never again be attacked by this disease, but some extreme cases have shown a reappearance of chickenpox during the adult stage of life. In most adults there is one or two days of a low grade fever before the rash develops. The lesions begin as individual small red flat spots that change to elevated spots then becoming blister-like containing a clear fluid. These lesions then open and

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form a crust. The progression of the stages of a lesion usually occur within 48 hours. The lesions also break out in "crops"... meaning that each day there will be new crops of lesions. The rash traditionally begin on the trunk, the face, and the scalp. Lesions then appear all over the body and can even break out on mucous membranes such as the mouth, throat and vagina. It may take as long as 5 to 6 days before no new lesions erupt. Once all the lesions are crusted, the person is no longer contagious, however the crusted lesions may remain for a week or more.

Treatment for chickenpox is symptomatic and includes lotions and antihistamines to help control the itching. Possible complications include secondary bacterial infections of the lesions, pneumonitis and encephalitis. These are not common but the illness is usually more serious in adults than with children.

Until recently, the only protection against chickenpox was immunity following natural infection. Consequently, those individuals who had not had chickenpox were at high risk of developing it if exposed to individuals with the disease.

The FDA has now approved the use of a new chickenpox vaccine and it is now available. The American Academy of Pediatrics is urging everyone eligible who has never had chickenpox to get vaccinated. If you have not had this virus then you should see your health care provider.

ASK M&M

M&M
c/o The Spectator

Dear M&M,

I have one more week left (My last final is on Sunday) and I don't know what I am going to do with my friends. I love them all to death, but sometimes you come to a point where you just cannot deal with them anymore. We all spend so much time together and we fall into a habit of this hanging out. But it is boring now, I want to leave our rooms, and live life a little. However, they are my only friends and I can't very well go off on my own. What do I do?

-bored with friendship

Dear bored with friendship,

As you have said you only have a week left with the,. You can last that long. You should, however, talk to your friends about your boredom, they are probably feeling the same way. We all get sick of our friends at the end of the year. It is perfectly normal. Just plow through this week and give them a hug good-bye and everything will work out just fine.

Dear M&M,

I am feeling very stifled by my boyfriend. When we are together I am very happy and we have a really good time. But when we are not together he needs tom know where I am at all times. Last week I skipped a class and he went berserk. He acted like he was my personal policeman. I don't want a policeman, I want a boyfriend. What do I do? I know school is almost over, but we live really close to one another, and I am afraid that I will feel as trapped then as I do now.

-trapped in love

Dear trapped in love,

It sounds like you need to move on. If he is really worth it and you are in love with him then I wouldn't be so quick to say good-bye. However, this behavior is very stifling and you need to live your own life, he needs to live his and then you need to live a life together. Talk to him about how you are feeling, maybe he is just trying to show you how much he loves you, which isn't that bad.

Dear M&M,

I don't know what to do. I thought that I was doing fine in school, but three out of my four classes I didn't receive a grade in until last week. I found out that I am failing one of them and am borderline in the other two. What do I do?

-failing flat

Dear failing flat,

You need to talk to your professors, they are as worried as you about the situation. You also have all of this weekend to study for your finals, it sounds like they will count heavilly on your final grade. So study, study, study. I know it doesn't sound like fun, but it is reality.

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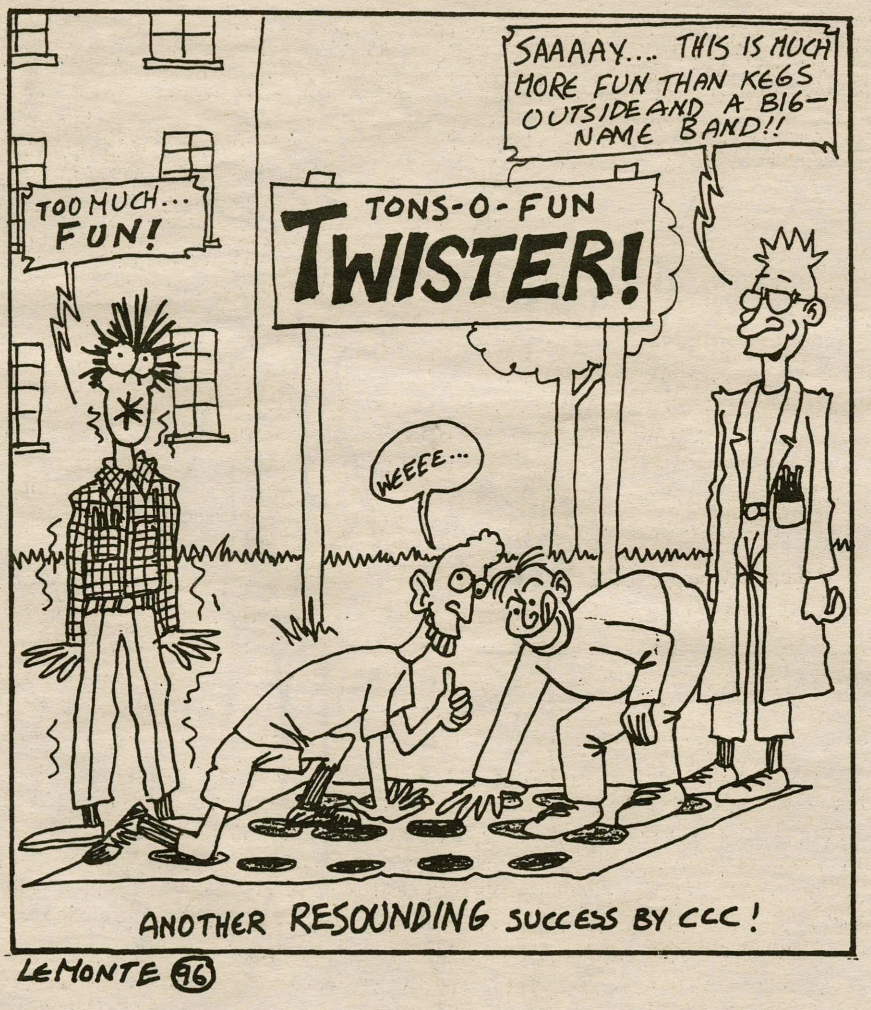
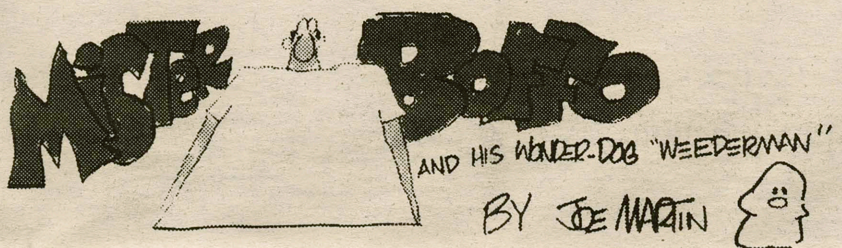
Dunham resident advisors Eric Ritvo '96, Bill Murphy '96, and Nick Kogut '96 were three of 25 RAs who were recognized for their services with awards this week.





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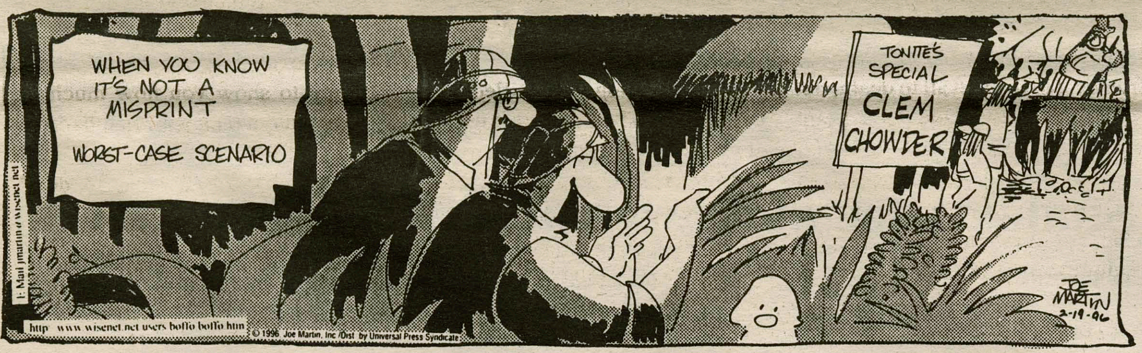

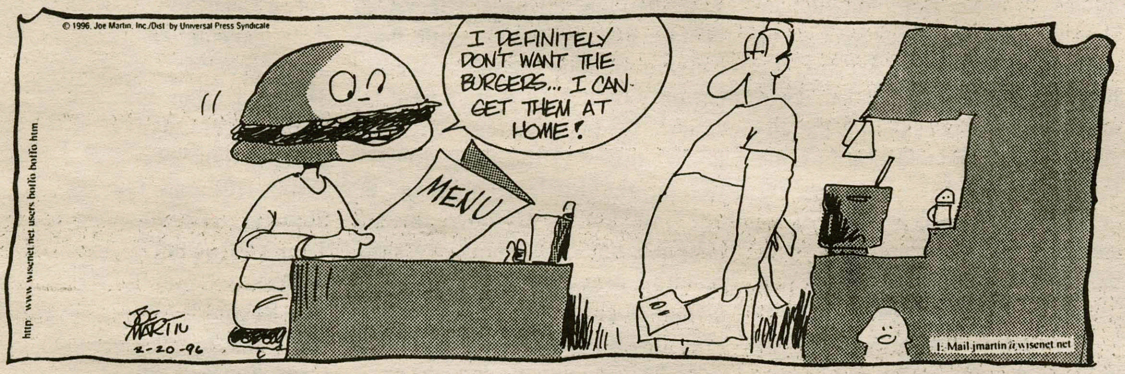

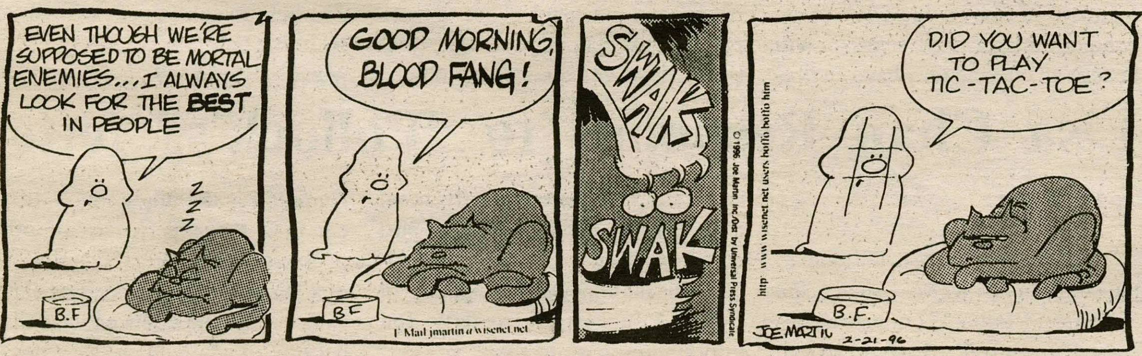

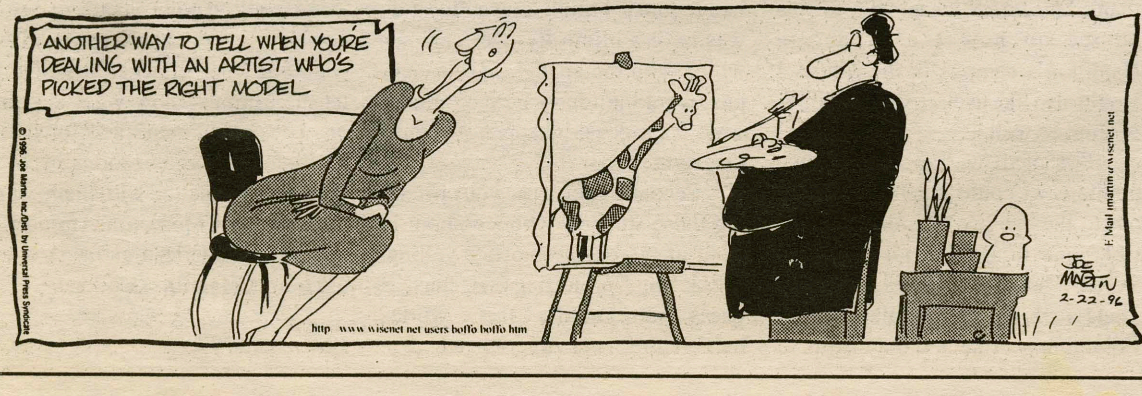

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QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Never go streaking at three in the morning without an 888 key!"
-Greg Gardner '96

"Greg, I just saw more of you then I ever needed to see!"
-Pam Loshak '99 to Greg Gardner after she saw him streaking.

" I told him not to come!"
-Liz Brooks in reference to her boyfriend and Rocky Horror.

"My head came off my shaft. I've been hitting it too much. I need to take it to a repair shop."
-Jason Osborn '98 in reference to his driver.

"If it was alive, I would kill it!"
-Marsha Drummond '96 in reference to her senior thesis.

"I hate to say it, but the grass is more important than you are."
-Pat Ingalls to a concerned student about the parking problems on campus.

PERSONALS

Danielle, Joan, Katie, Quet, Emma, Cat, Erica, Sheela, KP and Cathy-

Well guys, it's been an awesome year! Without a doubt, we 'll miss you all. You better keep in touch! Rock on! Love

-Lars and Al

Dork-

One more week, then off for the summer. I'm looking forward to living in a room that is half the size of ours next year...It'll be a blast! Dave? Here's to our jacked resumes!

-Loser

Chick Pea-

Your housing traumas better get worked out then we can part ard! You better come visit me, I'll come see you. Have a Blast. I'll miss you!

-Rutabaga

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Looking for a room or apartment in the village for the summer to sublet or share. Call Kathy 853-6712.

Babysit for Madeline this summer: We are in need of an experienced babysitter to care for our 20-month-old daughter in our home on campus. This job is full time (M-F 9-5) and starts during or immediately after finals. If interested please contact us at x4658 (days) or 853-6017 (evenings and weekends).

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EDITORIAL

Another year passes

There are strange contradictions in the air this time of year. Classes are over, and the work is just beginning. Seniors try to relish their last days in this alternate reality on a hill, but find a feeling of looming opportunity or dread filling their heads.

Underclassmen keep waiting for something big to happen, but realize that as another year passes it is not marked by any momentous occasion, only a thought to time well spent, but lost.

Some of the things that have seemed so important to us over the course of two semesters now shrink from our mind as a late and well deserved spring finally comes. It is amazing what good weather can do.

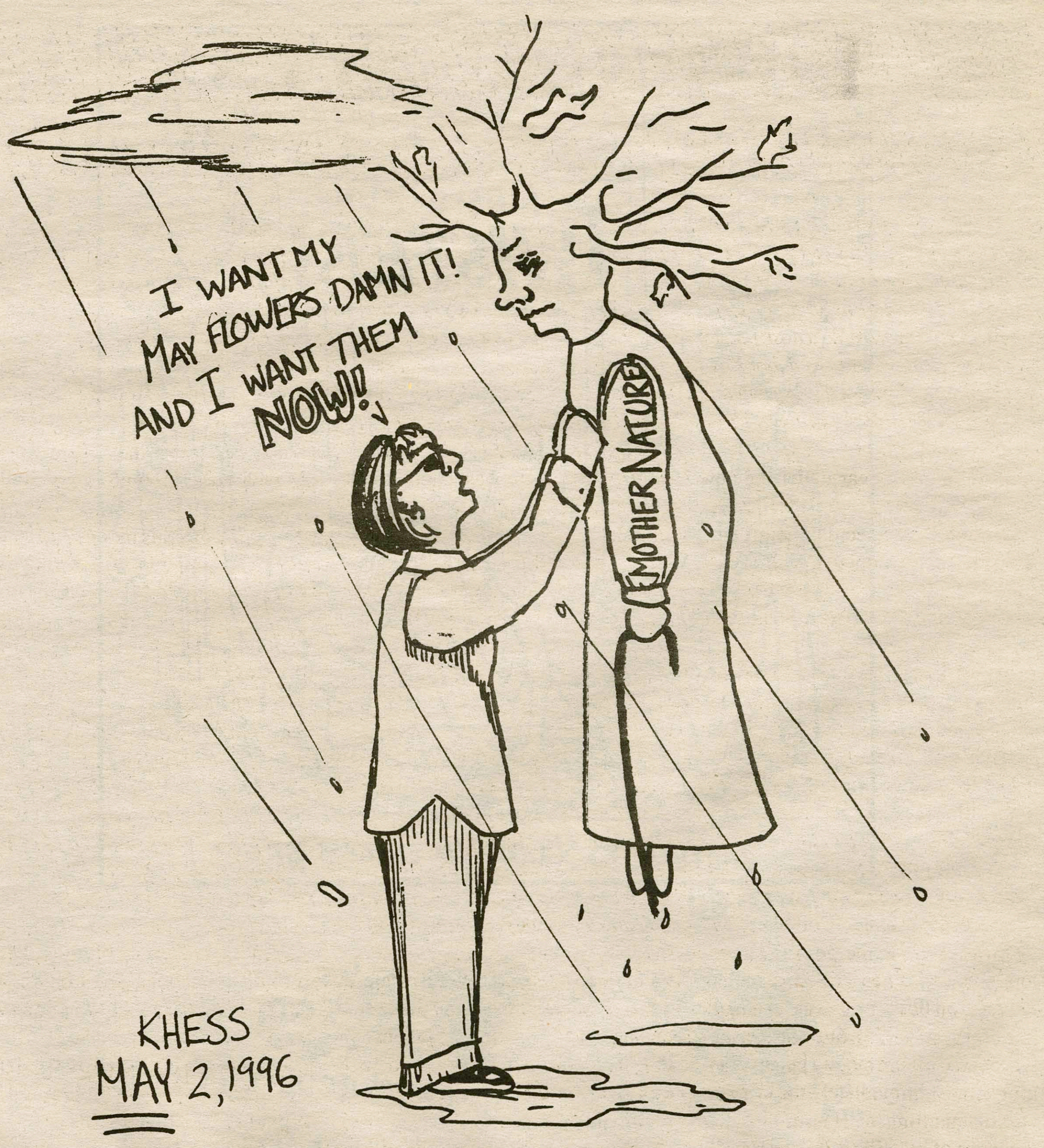
We are lucky people. Hamilton is not a bad place to spend time. Some of us know that Hamilton is not the real world but a valuable takeoff of it. Others feel that if one is going to tread water for four years, it might as well be a substantial amount of water in the nice part of the pond.

As students at Hamilton, we have little to complain about. It is worthwhile to speak our minds about things that, taken in the context of Hamilton, disturb us. There are some bad things about Hamilton, but it only takes a little perspective to realize that we have nothing to complain about. If there is one thing that should trouble us, it is that the life we enjoy here is not guaranteed to last.

It is a discomforting thought that the world we try so hard to make for ourselves through two semesters is reinvented every September with parts of the old missing. It is a pleasant thought that new pieces will work their way in to our worlds next year. If there is one parallel with the real world here at Hamilton, it is that people pass through our lives and leave parts of themselves without us ever noticing. You realize this when a grin spreads across your face next fall because you remember a time you spent with someone who is no longer here.

If the point of this essay escapes you, it is only because thoughts of a year gone by cannot be easily organized into a neat introduction, body and conclusion. A year, although passing quickly, encompasses every emotion and situation in ways that shape futures and crystallize pasts.

The Spectator wishes the seniors all the best.



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LETTERS TO•THE•EDITOR

Students demand reversal of Schena's suspension

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to the injustices of the Hamilton Judicial Board's Committee concerning the suspension of Anthony Schena. We feel the punishment handed down was too harsh, considering the circumstances of the incident at the Little Pub in which Mr. Schena was involved. Anthony is a model of responsibility and commitment. Not only does he work forty to fifty hours a week, at times until six in the morning, so that he may provide for his wife and new born baby, but he also maintains a respectable GPA. Suspending Anthony for a semester will benefit no one and may have an irreversible effect on his family's future. Anthony values his education as much as any other student at Hamilton.

Although he made a regretful mistake that night at the Little Pub, denying Anthony a semester of education would be a punishment to severe for the situation. The fact is that this was the first altercation at the Little Pub since its opening, and to try to make an example out of Anthony by suspending him for an entire semester is completely unfair. We urge the Judicial Board to reconsider the inequality in which the punishments were handed out to each party. Just like anyone else, Anthony deserves a second chance.

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Lisa Chan Responds to "Pollock's" letter

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter to the editor in last weeks issue of *The Spectator*, "'Pollock' criticizes 'concerned students.'" I would like to thank Mr. Jeff Michael '97, for his advice on how I can educate Hamilton's campus in the future. I would also like to clarify some things for him as well.

First of all, we had done as much publicity we could to get information out to the campus, as quick as possible concerning Columbia's Hunger strike. There was a letter in the previous week's *Spectator* talking about Columbia's strike and out efforts to show support, there were flyers all over McEwen Dining hall, cafe opus, commons dining hall, and the campus wide mailing was through e-mail (which I suggest not to do). But information was out there, you just had to look. I think all we didn't do was have a blimp fly over campus, which with the apathy on this campus, would not have noticed it anyway. Rape doesn't happen at Hamilton, right?

Second, I don't see you criticizing those students who stood out in front of the business office yelling, "F*ck You," protesting their cause. I guess that "guerilla" tactic works, huh? Third, your experience here at Hamilton is definitely much different than the experiences of other people of color here at Hamilton. I don't think you get threatening phone calls or have experienced vandalism because of who you are.

Hamilton is not as safe a place as you think. We can disagree all we want but when attacked it's time to let the campus know what is going on. I do not claim to speak for all the multi-cultural organizations, because I have not consulted with them. This is my personal opinion, as a minority, as an Asian American, and as a woman of color at Hamilton College.

Lisa Chan '97

Letters and Op-Ed

LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

Real Hamilton veteran tells all behind Res-Life desicion

Randy Fields has been observing Hamilton goings-on since 1980 in his capacity as live-in, resident director of Sigma Phi Society. Once upon a time he was also a desk editor, entertainment writer, and book reviewer for the Charlotte Observer *and the* Savannah Morning News.

As the first year under the new Residential Life policy comes to an end, rumors and speculations are running through campus. With a $1.1 million budget deficit this year there is talk of downsizing the faculty and programs, increasing class size and teaching loads, cutting corners and tightening belts.

Aside from blaming all the college's ills on private societies and a smaller college-age population and application pool, no one has addressed the possibility that for nearly twenty years Hamilton may have been hijacked to its current situation.

When Kirkland College failed and was forced to merge with Hamilton, there was resentment and bad feelings on both campuses. A small, but very vocal, group of former Kirkland College faculty began planning almost immediately the systematic dismantling of Hamilton under the guise of creating "a better Hamilton," "a special place." In the process Hamilton, with its longer history, traditions, and special character, was jettisoned, and Kirkland was reborn across the road.

This was no haphazard evolution; it took conscious and concentrated effort on the part of those determined to destroy Hamilton and recreate Kirkland. They were angry and bitter, and Hamilton was the enemy. And so it has come to the current financial crisis and decline of morale on campus.

Ironically, the very same people who planned, plotted, fought, and whined to put Hamilton where it is today are now petrified that "downsizing" and cutbacks are going to affect them. One can only hope.

Despite all the high-minded and politically-correct talk about equal opportunities for all students and a "level playing-field," anyone with a brain knows the real reason behind the Res-Life plan. To put it simply, the college wants the room and board income from every student, while picking up some prime real estate at cut-rate prices at the same time. It is business. It is a financial decision that has almost nothing to do with equal opportunity or multiculturalism.

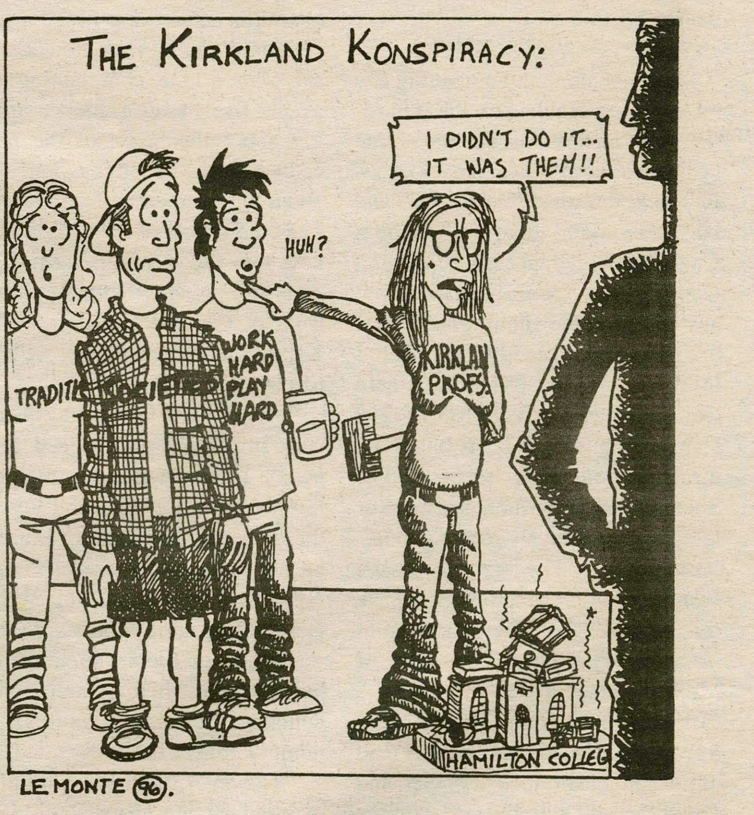
Nevertheless, there will still be students living downtown next year, while fraternity houses sit empty, unbought and unconverted. Is there any money to turn them into housing? If not, how can the plan be carried out? As it is now, through expediency, students are living in wooden structures, a reversal in policy, it seems. Years ago this college forced fraternities out of wooden houses because they were unsafe. Maybe lack of funds puts student safety in a new light.

Where IS this money? Mismanagement? Misplaced priorities? A drop in annual giving? Mr. Bill Bristol cannot leave the college a bundle every year.

In light of the immediate fiscal problem facing Hamilton, has anyone examined the logic behind the path the college has taken since 1978? One major fact cannot be ignored: Kirkland failed financially because it could not attract enough students. Why, then, recreate an institution that has already been proven not to be economically viable?

With a historian plotting the future of the college, the irony of the situation is too much to be ignored. To paraphrase the old idea: "College presidents who don't learn from the past may be condemned to repeat it."

Randy Fields
Sigma Phi Resident Director



"Bobby Perugo" ruthlessly destroyed

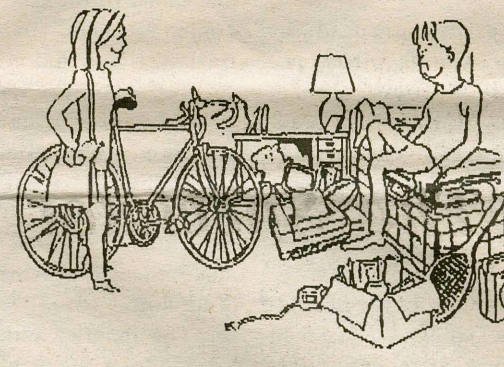
To the Editor:

A couple weeks ago, I went to the North Lot to check on a car - a 1987 Yugo- which was purchased by a friend this past winter. The Yugo was to be used by the campus comedy troupe, Bobby Peru, as a mobile advertising unit for upcoming shows. It was restored, colorfully painted and named the "Bobby Perugo" - you may have seen, or heard it around campus. To my surprise, the Perugo had been trashed: every window shattered, a tire slashed, the radio and battery taken.

Like the comedy troupe, the Perugo's intention was to bring mirth to the student body, period. It stood neither for the school's ideals nor authority, rather it represented us - the students - not them. Vandals: when you destroyed the Yugo for a quick thrill, you essentially betrayed your own team. Your actions - fueled by a selfish desire to feel real bad - was far worse than any of the vandalism which has occurred all year (in my opinion) since it was your very own comrades that you tripped up. In the future, try to be intelligent (after all, as the adage goes: if you go to Hamilton you are intelligent) about what you bust up when you decide to do it. You certainly weren't when you gutted the Perugo.

Matt Brand '98

When it's time to pack up and go home...



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The ABC tag sale...coming soon

As you are beginning to think about cleaning up and clearing out of your rooms, please consider donating to the ABC tag sale. This year it will be held on June 8 at the ClintonArena and we would like all your unwanted items in good workable or wearable condition. Clothes and small items can be dropped off in the bins marked ABC tag sale that will appear in each dorm in May. If you have things you would like to donate sooner, please call Jackie Medina X4258 for pick-up arrangements. The tag sale benefits the Clinton ABC. Thank you, we appreciate your support.

Letters and Op-Ed

LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

Student in London reminds Hamilton of "Real World" problems

To the editor:

At this moment I am sitting at a table. On this table a candle is burning. Also on this table is a pint of fine brown ale and a couple of back issues of The Spectator. Crosby, Stills and Nash are singing about the "Southern Cross" and a red tapestry is hanging from the wall. I could be in just about any room on the Hamilton campus, but I am not. Presently, I sit in a flat in West London. While I sit here waiting for a phone call from the girl I am dating I have been thumbing through some back issues of The Spectator that Hamilton has, more or less, been religiously sending to us.

In reading The Spectator I have seen many interesting things. I have read about news at other schools. For instance I read that a University of Montana student was chosen as a carrier of the Olympic Torch. I read a profile on President Clinton. I read of the dangers of nuclear power, and I read that our squash team won the Conroy trophy.

I also saw a lot of articles about Hamilton issues, and I read a lot of complaints about Hamilton issues. I saw many articles complaining about a racist flyer. I saw a letter complaining about the hours of the health center. I saw a letter complaining about the Residential Life Decision. I saw an article about a fight in the new pub. I read from Ben Mintz that he is still unhappy with the thing in front of CJ, and I read from Tom Kellog that he is unhappy with Ben Mintz.

While these things may all seem very important, and indeed to the people involved they are, please allow me to share with you my new theory that the problems of Hamilton are not, in the big picture, all that bad.

Now, don't get me wrong. Hamilton is not a utopia. We have real world problems, some of these being vandalism, drug addiction, alcoholism, racism, rape, anorexia, and homophobia to list a few.

However, with these problems in mind let me share some of the things I have seen since coming to Europe. I have seen an old man begging for money for food. I watched a passer-by give him some money, and I then watched the old man walk into a pub and order a pint of beer. The mans clothes were haggard, his face bore the lines and scars of a hard life, he was missing all but a few of his teeth and he smelled terribly of vomit and urine. I have seen a girl of no more than 14 years of age begging for money, for food. I watched a passerby give her some change, and then, with a heart more full of pity than it was for the old man, I watched her buy some food. The girl was thin and dirty and with one glance at her face I knew that she had seen horrors worse than I could even imagine. I have seen the frightening face of a man threatening to stab my friend with a knife if I did not hand him my cash so he could get his next drug fix. I have sat on a train while police officers checked the next station to see if there was a bomb waiting to kill my fellow passengers and myself. I have friends who felt the shock of the IRA bomb at Canary Wharf. I have seen a mentally ill man beat by a restaurant manager. I have seen a drunken man beat a woman and then scuffle with the police before he was apprehended.

Now, I know that most Hamilton students read the newspaper or watch the news. We are all aware that the aforementioned things go on, and go on far to often. However, sometimes I think we forget that they do not go on at Hamilton. As for the real problems that do occur at Hamilton we all have one thing that most others do not and that is recourse.

At Hamilton, if you or your group is insulted you can write a letter to The Spectator, or hold a rally to let everyone know how you were wronged. If you are an alcoholic you can attend an A.A. meeting right on the Hamilton campus. If you are sick you can get medical treatment, even if it is not at the most convenient hour. If you are hungry you can go to Commons and eat until you are nourished.

I have watched a starving young girl turn to her only re - course of begging. I have faced a man with such a severe drug problem that his only re - course was to threaten my physical safety for money. I have seen the destruction of lives and property from a group that sees as there only re - course to bomb innocents.

At this point I feel confident in saying it is time for everyone in the Hamilton community, including myself, to take a step back and say I have food in my belly, I have clothes on my back and I have a roof over my head. Also, we should say that as angry as I am that the Trustees took away my fraternity house, as angry as I am that CAB published a racist flyer, as angry as I am at Ben Mintz, that on the whole I am still a very fortunate person.

Now, some would argue that they have paid for the safety and security that Hamilton offers. In fact, they would argue that at $27,000 they have paid dearly for what Hamilton offers. However, to that I would respond that for this we are all the luckier.

Marcus L. Johnson '97

Hamilton is inconsiderate of students

To the Editor:

Whatever happened to the concept of student happiness as a goal at Hamilton? Being abroad, my contact with Hamilton is admittedly limited, but issues of the Spectator are mailed to overseas students (on occasion), providing those away with a slight connection to their home university.

I recently read in the Spectator that 84%(?) of upper classmen felt their lives were better last year (pre-Residential Life Decision) and 91% of freshmen were unhappy at Hamilton College. Hmmmm...what's going on here?

Does it make sense to pay $28,000 to attend a school at which one is unhappy? A brief exposure to microeconomics would make one aware of the concept of 'economic rationale', which essentially tells us that members of a capitalist society will purchase a product for a certain price, and this price reflects to what extent the individual values said product. Would a coherent person expend $28,000 annually to make themselves miserable? I think not.

The upper echelons of Hamilton College are concerned with providing an image comparable to other top-notch liberal arts schools such as Amherst, Williams and Middlebury. Apparently, when education becomes a business, the ends justify the means. Hamilton does not pay enough attention to the needs and well-being of students, choosing instead to pursue higher rankings as a liberal arts college, which ultimately justifies an increased revenue from student tuition.

Apparently, the collegiate institutions in the United States have become businesses rather than the social service that they used to provide. Sure, Hamilton looks good on paper, but as a Hamilton College student, how good does it look from the inside? When a college chooses to sacrifice student happiness in order to attain higher rankings, the motives of such educational institutions demand to be questioned.

Justin Torkelson '98

ISC criticized for prospective weekend stand

To the Editor:

The ISC claims that "Hamilton is rampantly declining." Whether one subscribes to this belief or not, the last thing anyone here needs to do is support such a "decline." But the Inter-Society Council—using flyers, banners, and verbal dissuasion—did just that. By providing PROspectives (not perspectives), with a tremendous amount of negative rhetoric, the ISC may have taken Hamilton several steps backward.

While I encourage all students to share experiences of all kinds to prospectives, I cannot comprehend the motivations of the ISC in discouraging a large percentage of those future students who could have enhanced all our degrees and our future alma mater.The Inter-Society Council has greatly disrespected Hamilton College. It is my hope that prospectives can see beyond the narrow-mindedness of one organization.

Brian Gallagher '98

Hamilton reaches its boiling point

BEN MINTZ
GREY MATTERS

The other day, I received a viscous slap in the face. It was four days after the housing lottery and I had finally worked up the courage to return to the scene of the fiasco. I strolled through the surreal colors and glanced at the Student Assembly elections to my left and the jukebox to my right. I chose not to waste my remaining funds on listening to tunes that you can find at any music in a bin marked "Three for the Price of Two." I also chose to not waste my time being one of the few students who vote since the last election was declared to have too many shady occurrences to be valid or credible by both Student Assembly's own Election Committee and their Executive Board; still, no action was taken to deal with the problem. So instead of taking part in a futile action, I made a beeline for my mailbox.

It was there that I was slapped. In most instances, the term slap in the face conjures up slow motion images of an angry palm smacking against my cheek as my head snaps the side and spittle flies from my mouth. However, this case was more like a paper cut, the blow was delivered not by a disgruntled lover, or an angry superior, but by an 8 1/2" x 5 1/2' blue card titled "96-97 Junior/Senior Meal Plan Card." Like most slaps, it was a blow to my pride and an insult to my intelligence above all. The document provided me with the information that I could chose between The twenty-one meal plan for $2700/ year or the 14 meal plan for $2550/ year. The difference between the two was a total of 150 dollars.

This amount is extremely peculiar. My first thought was that the difference between the two amounts was primarily due to the absence of breakfast, but a little mental arithmetic based on that hypothesis only served to further confuse me. It seems that we have around 125 weekdays or breakfasts in a school year and according to Bon Appétit's flyers I receive $2.75 in equivalency at the Howard Diner for each one. I assumed that if I multiplied the afore mentioned figures it would total 150 dollars. That was not the case; if breakfast was worth $2.75, we would have about $343.75 worth of the morning meal a year.

To add, insult to injury (pardon the cliche), the school chose to title one of our options "21 meal plan." I find this description a bit droll considering that on Saturday and Sunday Commons does not serve breakfast and McEwen only serves hot breakfast from 7:30 until 10:00.

My previous comments do not even mention the fact that the food is . . . how shall I put it . . . well, just not that good. In addition, unless you are living off campus or in one of three small, select residences you may not be on the five meal plan. Instead, you have a choice between fourteen and twenty-one (which are beginning to look surprisingly similar.) It is a good thing that we have both a budget deficit of over one million dollars and full kitchens in every dorm and suite when we can not even cook our own meals on them. I guess the kitchens are just another advertising ploy. At one point, that would have appalled and shocked me, but it just seems typical at this point.

The reasons that I was so insulted by the meal plan situation are many. Primarily, I was upset because it seemed to me that the promise of choice in the feel plan was an empty; we were offered what is essentially one plan with the option of a minor discount and major difference in services. In addition, it seemed that both the food and the plans are flawed to begin with. The final push towards my boiling point was the fact that it seemed we were being condescended to in that the school seemed to think no one would notice this sham. The receipt of the card was symbolic of the many problems and disappointments that I have experienced over the past year.

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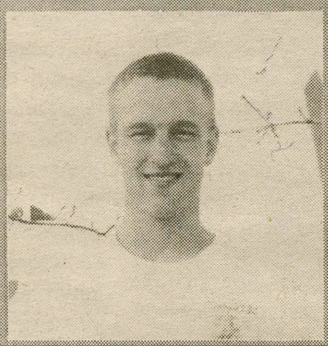

Sarah Smith '99
"Yes, it kept me amused and gave me something to read during lunch."

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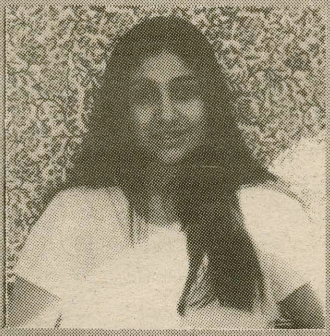

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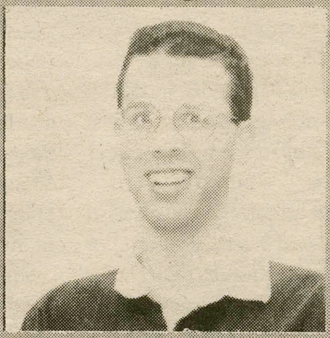

Bobby Fong, a Hamilton student's lone ally in the battle

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As the spring term draws to a close, many Hamilton students who would rather complain than get off the couch and do something that is worthwhile, use this week to finalize their gripes about their beloved school on the Hill. Regardless of how the Res-Life decision effects the everyday lives of the students and how the administration responds to restricting living options by censoring student opinion, what is of greater concern is the effect that the decision will have on the academic environment of this school.

The rationalization for the Res-Life decision to create more equal-opportunity living conditions for all of its students was obviously a farce. This point is best shown by the proposal to eliminate the rights of private societies to live and assemble on their privately owned land, while still setting up the BLSU co-op to facilitate Hamilton's minority students.

So many assumed, and hoped, that the real reasons for the decision were to create an environment more conducive to sophisticated intellectual discourse. Unfortunately, the common meal, and faculty interest in students are of minimal significance in creating such a utopia. Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong is probably the only person on campus who has a legitimate right to be furious about the administration's operations.

Bobby Fong, a Harvard graduate, was named Dean last spring, and Tobin used that appointment as a way to promote optimism for the school's quest for academic excellence. Professor Fong teaches a Victorian English class only offered to concentrators. It is one of the best courses offered at this school. However, the majority of the student body will go through four years at Hamilton without ever having the opportunity to learn from someone as knowledgeable and committed as Bobby Fong. This is due to the administration's decision to cut faculty.

A year after restricting social options, the variety of academic options has also taken on a narrower scope. Some of the most enthusiastic and effective teachers at this school, like assistant professor Phil Bean, have been removed from the faculty. For anyone who has taken a class with professor Bean, you are likely to take more interest in this letter now. What will happen is that teachers will either have to take on a greater course load, or, the number of classes offered will be reduced. Either scenario sets the school farther back from its goal of creating a more sophisticated community. Let us all have a moment of silence in deference to Bobby Fong, who leads a one man charge against the mismanagement of the Bureaucratic-Authoritarian regime.

> **"Let us all take a moment of silence in deference to Bobby Fong, the one man fighting Hamilton's mismanagement"**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
MAY 19-25, 1996

Emergency medical service providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system by providing lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.

The Hamilton College community is fortunate to be served by three emergency medical service agencies. The members of these agencies are all volunteers who not only give freely of their time to be "on call" but also engage in many hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their knowledge and skills.

In recognition of National Emergency Medical Services Week, the Hamilton College Community thanks and salutes the members of the Clinton Fire Department and Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Most importantly, we thank the members of the Hamilton College Emergency Medical Service.

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Cult craze of 'Rocky Horror' hits the Hill

By Greg Gardner '96
A&E writer

"In the beginning," God said, 'let there be lips,' and there were, and the lips were good." If you happened to be one of the lucky 250 or so students who saw *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* this weekend, then these were the first words you heard. If you have never seen the show, then you are missing out on one of the all time greatest movies, with the largest cult following of any movie ever produced.

First brought to the screen in 1975, *Rocky* is the first movie ever created where audience interaction became the norm. People attend this show to dress up as their favorite characters, act out those roles, and interject "audience participation lines" at hundreds of times during the movie. This trend of audience participation is reputed to have originated with Sal Shapiro, the founder and president of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show Fan Club."

Rocky is the story of two lovers, Brad Majors (Asshole) and Janet Weiss (Slut) who at the beginning of the movie decide to get married after seeing their friends tie the knot. After the opening number, Brad and Janet decide to go visit their friend Dr. Everett Von Scott, in whose class they met and fell in love. On their way to see Dr. Scott, the two lovers fall into a rain storm and their car gets a flat.

They decide to go to a castle they passed and use the phone to call for help, but the castle is owned by Dr. Frank N. Furter, a "sweet transvestite from Transsexual Transylvania" who has created a man, ROCKY, using his breakthrough techniques in biochemical research. The house is also occupied by Frank's servants Riff and Magenta, his groupie Columbia, and his fellow transylvanians. Unbeknownst to either of the two lovers, Frank and his servants are actually aliens from the planet of Transsexual, in the galaxy of Transylvania. From the moment they arrive at the castle, the fifties throwbacks Brad and Janet are thrust into a cacophonous seventies world of sex, drugs, and rock and roll, from which there seems to be no escape. But it turns out to be a liberating experience for both of them, as they give in to the world of pleasures that surrounds them. After all, there is no crime in giving yourself over to pleasure, well, except in New Jersey.

The movie was the starting point of many a career, including those of Tim Curry, who plays Frank, Susan Sarandon, who plays Janet, Barry Bostwick, who plays Brad, and the rock star Meatloaf, who plays Eddie, the bad ass delivery boy whose brain is split in two by Frank so that his creature of the night Rocky might come to life.

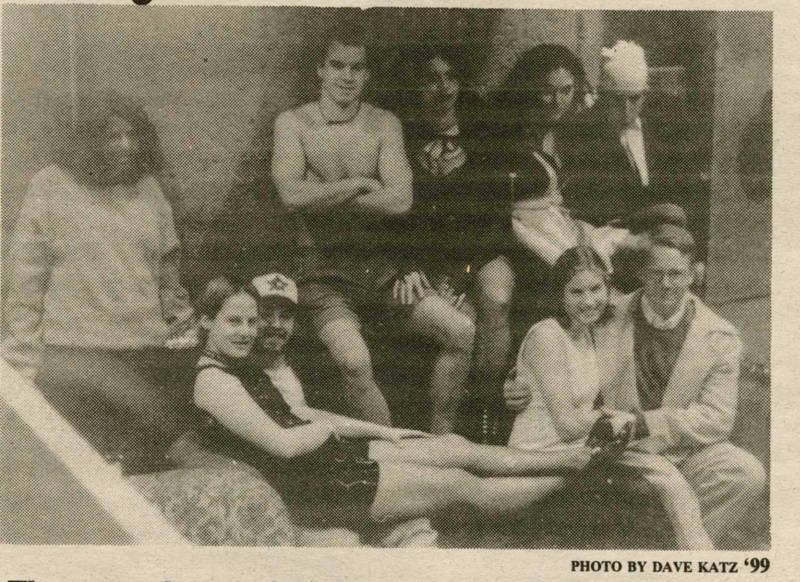


PHOTO BY DAVE KATZ '99

The cast and crew of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Created by Richard O'Brien, a die hard Science Fiction aficionado, *Rocky* combines all the elements of a great film: Sci-Fi, sex, suspense, drugs, music, and really cheesy, horrible special effects. O'Brien had a love affair with B-movies and cheesy seventies soft-porn films, which gave him the inspiration for *Rocky*. However, as such a fan, he could not let himself get away with not performing in the movie, and thus took on the role of Riff, Frank's faithful handyman.

The movie was brought to Hamilton by the Emerson Literary Society and the Alexander Hamilton Players. Directed by Liz Brooks (98) and produced and stage managed by Becky Harp (98), this weekend's showing brought a small cast of eight feature players on the stage to mimic the roles on the screen. The student production starred Liz Brooks as Frank, Rachel Kreyling as Janet, John McNaughton as Brad, Colten Noakes as Riff, Pam Loshak as Magenta, Laurie Wittlinger as Columbia, Greg Gardner as Eddie and Dr. Scott, and Todd Marzolf as Rocky. "We wanted to bring *Rocky* to campus because Hamilton college needed a night of self-liberation in light of the tensions on the campus that were dying to be released," says Harp. Needless to say, it worked, for both *Rocky* veterans and virgins alike were swept into a whirlwind of sex and science fiction.

Now if you haven't seen the show, then you will not understand what is meant by the term "virgin." Quite simply put, a virgin is someone who has never gone through the *Rocky* experience. There were a number of virgins this weekend who were deflowered, and many returned for a second night of debauchery.

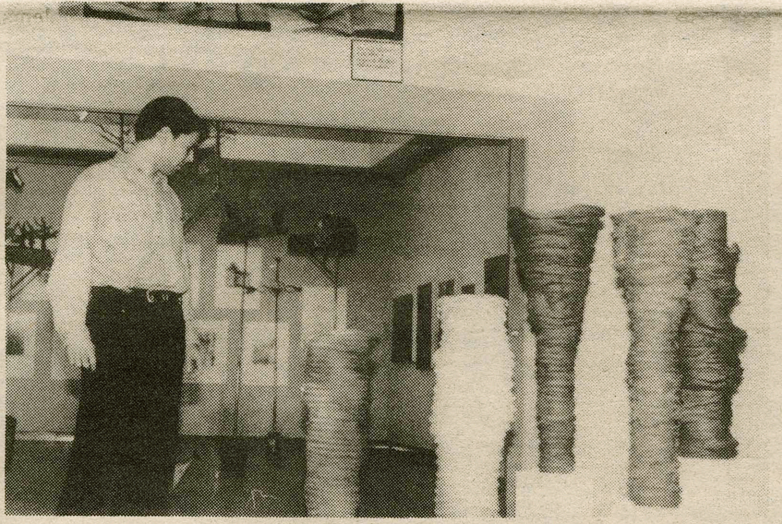
Obviously, the virgins add much to the *Rocky* phenomenon, but of course, so do the veterans. Perhaps the most well known of all the *Rocky* songs, "The Time Warp" is the most commonly participated in part of the movie, and more than a few audience members don some crazy attire to celebrate.

Perhaps the most notable piece of attire is the infamous sock. If you can't guess, it is worn by a man who has nothing else on, so you can guess where the sock goes. Even Hamilton was not without it's sock man this weekend.

Yes, *Rocky* is an experience for weirdos everywhere, and no one in their right mind should miss it. Besides being out on video, *Rocky* is performed every weekend at theatres all over the nation, and many live stage productions have been put on. So this summer, make a date for your local Rocky Production and lose your virginity, or if you've already seen it, SEE IT AGAIN!

Emerson Gallery exhibit displays projects of senior Art majors

By Tod Thiele '99
A&E writer



PHOTOS BY RITU MONGA '99

An exhibit of works of senior art majors will be housed at Emerson Gallery through Saturday, May 18.

Through May 18th, the Emerson Gallery will be displaying artwork done by Hamilton's senior Art majors. This large exhibit fills four rooms of the gallery with works representing many disciplines within studio art. The students' natural talent and hard work is immediately evident as you wander through the gallery.

The first display one sees as you enter Emerson is a series sculpture done by Mary Sprague. Her pieces were done using a unique mixture of both stoneware and glass. These vase-like sculptures make for an inviting glimpse into what the rest of the exhibit has to offer. Sharing the space in the main lobby are oil paintings done on gesoed canvas by Michael Mathres. Oil paintings by Lindsay Morris are on display next to Mathres's works. Her painting entitled "Guilty Passion" conveys a real sense of emotion to the viewer.

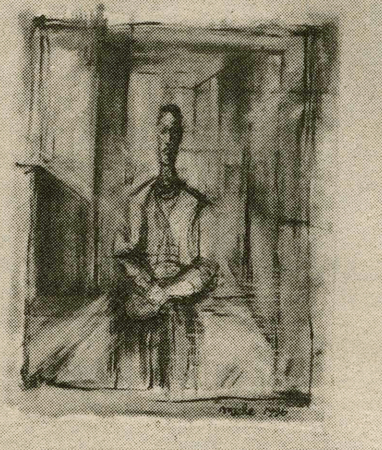
The large display room contains water color paintings, oil paintings and sculpture. The water color works done by Alison Stachowicz softly depict seascape images. On the adjacent wall are more oil paintings done by Lindsay Morris. Several of these pieces present African tribal imagery.

Stephanie Hedges has a large display of silver emulsion mono prints on the back wall. This series of images entitled "Memories of Peter" shows important aspects of the artist's loved one's life. The floor space in this exhibit is used to display the work of two more sculpture students. Starret Zenko utilized porcelain, tile and mixed media in her works. Two of these sculptures which were very interesting are entitled "The five Senses" and "Earth, Water, Fire, Wind, Space."

Meghan E. Ulrich is the other sculptor whose works were on display in the large exhibit room. Her pieces consist of various focal objects elevated on top of copper posts. "Windy Hill" depicts barren trees isolated on a hill.

The last exhibit room I observed had works done by C. Brendan Moore, Hayat Prentice and Philip Poh. Moore's oil paintings depict real life images such as a ghetto alleyway and bar room scene. His three dimensional use of cardboard boxes and garbage adds realism to the alleyway painting. Poh did a series of cartoon-like drawings inspired by his grandfather's experiences. The sculpture on exhibit in the room was done by Prentice. Her intricate sculptures have a shimmering quality which instantly attract the eye.

I highly encourage anyone to make there way over to the Emerson Gallery to view these artist's work before they leave Hamilton. From the presentation of the art to the captions explaining each work, this show has the makings of a professional exhibit.



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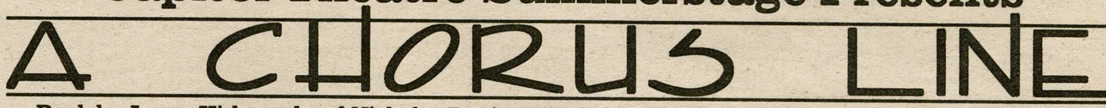

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Arts & Entertainment

Roman Comedy class presents 'Casina'

Ancient Plautus play recreated in yesterday's Chapel performance

BY DANIEL F. MCALLISTER '99
A&E EDITOR

Yesterday afternoon, the Hamilton College community was treated to a blast from the past as Professor Barbara Gold's Roman Comedy class performed *Casina* by Roman playwright Plautus. *Casina*, a comedy, deals with the attempts of Lysidamus, played by Jessica Greene '96 and Jenn Holderied '98, to marry the beautiful Casina, played by Kerry Bernstein '96, to his slave Olympio (Will Cutchins '98 and Pam Loshak '99). His motive for doing so lies in his own desire for Casina, whom he knows he can have if she marries Olympio.

Lysidamus's main obstacle to carrying out his plan is his wife Cleostrata, performed in a stellar role by Lisa Meserole '96. Cleostrata is well aware of Lysidamus's ulterior motives, and attempts to thwart him. The play continues with Lysidamus's scheming and eventual success in arranging the marriage of Casina and Olympio.

The last laugh is had by Cleostrata, however, when she substitutes her veiled male slave, Chalinus (Christina Calarco '99) for Casina in the wedding. The play concludes with Olympio and Lysidamus disgusted at having discovered the gender of Casina. Lysidamus, realizing his mistake, pleads with Cleostrata to take him back, which she eventually does.

PHOTOS BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Olympio (Will Cutchins '98) and Lysidamus (Jessica Greene '96) in the production of *Casina*.

The play provided a lighthearted, comical look at gender roles. There was very little in the way of deep symbolism, which made for a relaxed atmosphere enjoyed by all. First year Colten Noakes remarked, "It was one of the most interesting plot-twists I've seen this year."

The audience readily warmed to the humor of the play, which ranged from subtle irony to slapstick, often becoming irreverent, especially at the end. The acting was surprisingly good for a cast relatively untrained in the area. Also performing were Ainy Haider-Shah '99, Professor Barbara Gold, Peter Friedman '99, and Bret Bridges '96.

HOROSCOPES

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1-7

FORSEEN BY DR. WONKA
A&E ASTROLOGER

TAURUS
(APRIL 21-MAY 21)

Enough of the bad mood from last week. Go out this weekend and have fun. Whatever the problem is, forget about it and put things in perspective.

GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Although the semester seems to be over, do not underestimate the difficulty of your final exams. You have been neglecting your academics, but now it is time to buckle down and get your work done.

CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 21)

You need a break. The summer is not too far away. But be sure not to relax too long because you need a job to generate some income for next year.

LEO
(JULY 22-AUGUST 21)

A friend from home may visit this weekend. Don't worry about showing him/her a good time. I'm sure they'll be bringing one of their own.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 21)

Now you are depressed and your friends don't seem to care. It'll pass soon and your mood will be better. Try taking a nap or a walk in the Glen to sort out your problems.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 21)

This weekend is a good one to go for a trip. You need the time off campus and the insight gained from your adventure in the woods will prove to be most enlightening.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 22-NOVEMBER 21)

A new addition to your music library has been bothering your friends recently. Although you may enjoy it, not everyone does. Try listening to someting different.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 21)

You did something horrible this past week, but don't worry because things will be forgiven and forgotten. Have a good time this weekend to help you forget your worries.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)

Your friends have been a little rough on you recently, but don't worry, it's only in jest. Don't be so sensitive in these matters. Lighten up.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19)

That special person is really getting into your mind. Talk to them and find out where you stand with him/her. It will be worth it.

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20)

You have been a little sick this past week and your illness has affected your outlook on life. Hope that you get better for your finals.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)

Go out this weekend and treat yourself - you've been working hard and you deserve a break. Although finals are approaching fast, you have kept up with your work. Have lots of fun!

MOVIES IN REVIEW

THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS A

COURTESY HOYT'S SANGERTOWN 8
SANGERTOWN SQUARE MALL

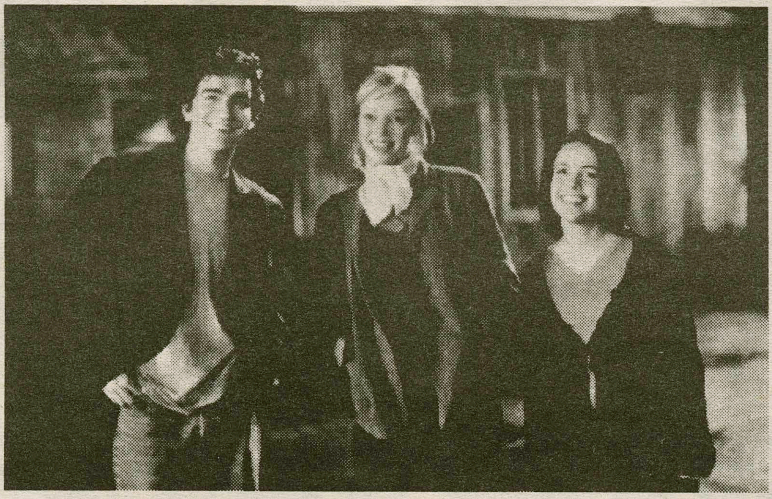
BY GINA CARBONE '99
A&E WRITER

This is a fitting movie for me to end my Hamilton reviews with. It is a feel-good, funny, animal-loving film with a message. Jeneane Garafolo stars as Abby, a veterinarian with a radio show called "The Truth About Cats and Dogs," where you call in with queries about your pet. It is over the air that she "meets" British Ben Chaplin's character, who is having trouble handling his roller skating dog.

Chaplin is so impressed with Abby's skill with his dog that he asks her out over the phone. Although Abby is not unattractive, she is insecure about her less than Cosmopolitan-worthy body. She tells Chaplin that she is 5'10", thin and gorgeous with blond hair. Of course, this is the opposite of Abby, which happens to be exactly what her neighbor Noelle is.

Noelle (played by *Pulp Fiction*'s Uma Thurman) is the gorgeous, flighty, wannabe model who is persuaded to pretend that she is Abby so that Chaplin will think she is attractive. Chaplin falls in love with Abby's intelligence and personality in their long, deep, hot and heavy phone conversations, yet remains enamored with Noelle's perfect body.

Noelle introduces Abby to Chaplin as her assistant, Donna, and from here it becomes a fight to the finish over who gets to keep Chaplin, who finds himself attracted to both women.



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Ben Chaplin, Uma Thurman, and Jeneane Garafolo enter a quirky romantic love triangle.

This plot has been recycled over and over in so many different forms. *Cyrano de Bergerac* was the original, but who can forget Steve Martin and Daryl Hannah's version in *Roxanne*? It's almost a sure bet that the film will be good with this plot as a base.

Garofolo is intelligent and funny, yet plain looking Abby. The movie makes a good point that most people are not willing to look beyond the surface to know someone. Abby resigns herself to the fact that she will never get a second glance from a man without being beautiful like Noelle, for whom men get into car accidents because of their constant ogling of her.

Of course, our message is that *Beauty and the Beast* favorite: 'true beauty is found within.' It's a beautiful movie with a beautiful message, but unfortunately very few people live by it. No one really wants to take the time to get to know an unattractive person when they can drool over a gorgeous body. It's sad and degrading, but true. Perhaps in a world where we all looked the same, personality would play the major role that it deserves.

Until then, I suggest we sit the world down and force them into watching these message-heavy movies *Clockwork Orange* style until they are conditioned into comprehension. It's worth a try.

The Department of Theater and Dance Presents

LOVERS

By Brian Friel

Randi Glass Sam Wright

A senior project in theater

May 4-5 • 8:00 p.m.

Minor Theater

Calendar & Movies

LECTURES

No lectures scheduled.
Good luck on exams!

FILM

The Usual Suspects. Five felons, accused of hijacking a truckload of gun parts in Queens, are brought in for a line-up. The cops don't have much in the way of evidence, so the five are held overnight.

Five criminals. Five criminal minds. One night. One plan. They are suspects. Strangers. With one thing in common: Keyser Soze—a criminal so feared, so fabled, even these cold-blooded killers burn with terror at the mere mention of his name. Main quad tonight at 9:15.

Get Shorty. Chili Palmer is a Miami loan shark who's sent to Los Angeles to collect on a gambling debt from film producer Harry Zimm. Harry's luck may have changed though; Chili is an avid movie fan. Instead of breaking Harry's legs, Chili pitches him an idea that could be the break of Harry's career. Chili soon discovers that loansharking was the perfect training ground for making movies...though you have to be ruthless to make it in Hollywood. On campus in K-J. Friday and Sunday at 7:30. Saturday at 10. $

ARTS

Saturday and Sunday: Come support Hamilton Arts by attending the senior project in theater of Randi Glass and Sam Wright, ***Lovers***, a play by Brian Friel. This must-see project will be performed in Minor Theater at 8 pm, so don't miss it!

Sunday: Anyone who is interested in dancing is invited to auditions for the SDA Hamilton Dance Troupe. Auditions will be held at 3:45.

Through May 18: Works of senior art majors are on display in the Emerson Gallery. For more information, see the story on page 14.

CHECK IT OUT

Tonight: Two great bands kick off the Class and Charter Day evening events! Don't miss either one! The music begins with Gordon's Tractor who will play from 4:15-5:30. The second act, Grooved Pavement, plays from 6:00 until 7:30.

FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/html/news/

MOVIES

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Pallbearer	*7:20, 9:35*	*Fear*	*7:25, 9:50*
Truth About Cats & Dogs	*6:50, 9:15*	*Primal Fear*	*6:40, 9:30*
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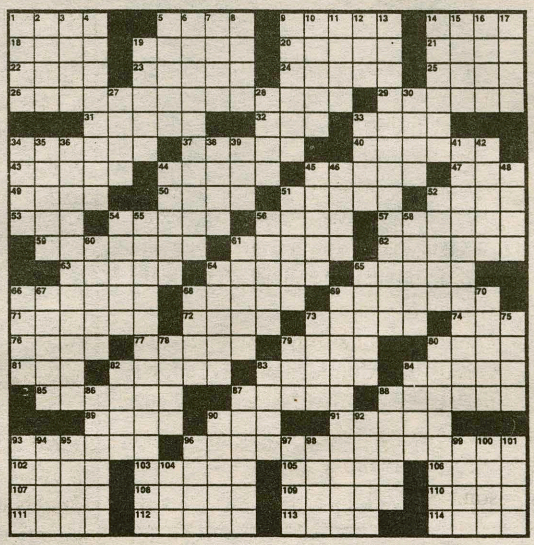

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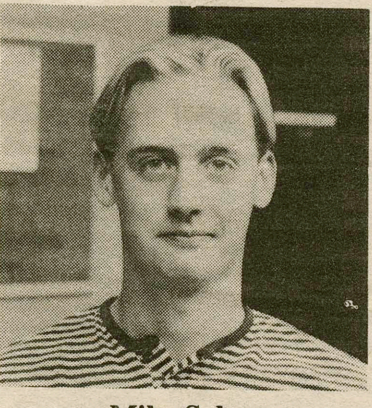
Saber has shot at Nationals

golfer wins sudden death in regional tournament

BY JON GILBERT '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

"It's an interesting game, a lot can happen," explains Mike Saber '97, in regards to the game that could take him to the NCAA national tournement. Coming off his sudden death playoff win, in the NCAA division III regional tournament, Saber has the chance of receiving an invitation to the "big show", hosted by Skidmore College on May 21-24 at the Saratoga Springs Country Club.



Mike Saber

In the fall season, Saber won two conference championships. The first, came at the NESCAC tournament at Taconic Golf Club, at Williams college. He edged out the field with a 9 over par, finishing first out of 57. The second win came at the ECAC Upstate Regional Qualifier, held at The Saratoga Spa, where he shot 4 under par, placing him first out of 30.

A native of Potsdam, New York, Saber was a varsity player in hockey, soccer, and of course, golf. At Potsdam High School, he started playing varsity golf in 8th grade. Ironically, it was not golf for which Saber was recruited. Until his first year here, he had never even met or talked to Bob Simon, the golf coach here at Hamilton. Saber, initially, was recruited to play hockey.

Saber's golfing career at Hamilton, began in a unique manner. Saber didn't even plan on playing golf until one glorious

morning in which he ran into Marc Simon, a former captain. Simon mentioned that the squad was under manned and they needed another person in the line-up. Even though, at the time he was in dry land training for hockey, he decided to go out and intended, "give it a swing." On his first day of practice, Saber, not expecting a great performance , shot a surprising 38, from which he developed his Hamilton athletic career .

Saber began golfing at the age of 10 with his uncle, who was also his hockey coach, and his grandparents. To Saber's convienence, he grew up near a golf club, the Potsdam Town and Country Club. Saber states that this club was instrumental in developing his game, as his parents membership entitled him to free lessons. Working on the golf course during the summer is one of Saber's secrets to success. As Saber explains it, "Golf is a game where if your not getting better, your getting worse." Between playing up to six tournaments a summer and teaching the fundamentals to the kids, Saber has the opportunity to practice constantly.

"Discouraging," is the only word Saber uses to describe playing a spring sport in Clinton. The team, who every other year goes on a spring trip during break, went south this year and ended up coming home to several weeks of snow left on the course here. This obviously makes getting started in the spring much more difficult than in the fall, where most of the players have just come off several weeks of practice.

Saber's golf career at Hamilton has become one of the most accomplished in school history. Championships in which he earned in the NESCAC's and ECAC's has established Saber as one of the top golfers in not only upstate New York, but also New England.

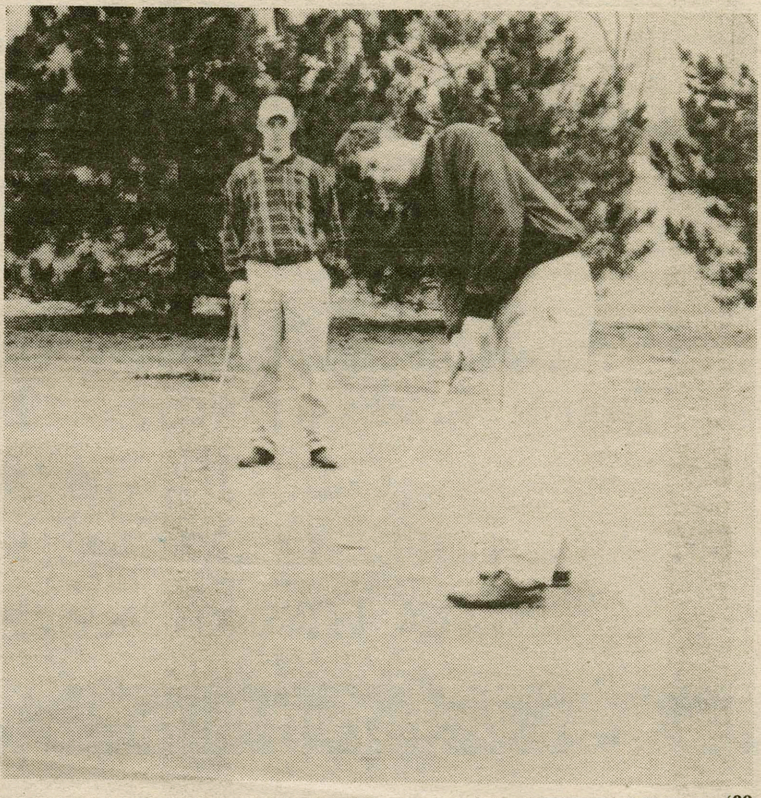


PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Mike Saber (left) looks on as a teammate sinks a putt.

Softball takes Union in double header

BY MEGAN RICH '99
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

As the end of the season draws near, the Women's Softball team has emerged as a force to be reckoned with. The Softball team currently holds a record of 15-11. The Continentals are led by Coach Melissa Hart, assistant coached by Marsha Foster and co-captains Michelle Pickett(96) and Kristen Ring(96). While the team is a relatively young team, they have come together in order to provide a winning attitude throughout the softball season.

On Saturday, April 27th, the Continentals took on Union College for a double header. Hamilton came on strong and beat Union in both games of the day. In the first game, leading players for Hamilton included Jennifer Moran(99) who went 3 for 4, with one RBI and a triple, Jennifer Lotufo(96) who went 2 for 3 including an RBI and Kim Colvin(96) who was 3 for 3 with a run scored, a double and a triple. In the second game of the day, the Continentals won again by mercy rules because they had scored 10 runs and the game ended in the fifth inning. Players who had an outstanding game included Amy Palmeiri(97) who was 3 for 4 with three stolen bases, two runs scored, and 1 RBI, Michelle Pickett(97) who was 3 for 4 with an RBI, and Jen Lotufo was 2 for 2 with two runs scored, two stolen bases, and an RBI.

The Continentals next match up was at Suny Oswego on Wednesday, May 1st. Due to the muddy field, the team was only able to play one game instead of the planned double header. Even though the Continentals put in a good effort, they lost to Oswego by the score of 7-6. Jennifer Moran went 3 for 3 with two runs scored, and was the standout player of the game. Even though the Continentals gave the game their all, the muddy conditions worked against them in the end. The loss resulted in the end of a five game winning streak that the Continentals had compiled, but with two more games to go in the season, Hamilton can still improve on their record. The Continentals have shown that they have a strong team, and will continue to put in strong performances for the remaining games of the season.

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Men's Tennis ends with a bang

Sam Walker sets career record that "may never be broken."

BY JEFF GORALNICK '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

As the Hamilton Men's Tennis season drew to a close this week, a record was set that, as Coach Scott Smith said, "may never be broken". Sam Walker, '98, claimed his 110th and final career match. Walker is the winningest player in Hamilton history, and has now set a record which will surely stand unbroken for many years, maybe forever.

Walker and his teammates travelled to Williams college last weekend for the New England Small College Athletic Conference Championships. In singles, Walker, seeded fourth in the third singles flight, lost in a three set match in the first round, breaking his fourteen straight wins streak. Walker would go on to beat the number three players from both Trinity and MIddlebury to win the consolation round. JW Hobson, a co-captain with Walker, also lost his first match. The only singles player to advance past the first round was Greg Nussbaum, who has been on a hot streak lately. Nussbaum won convincingly against the number six player from Middlebury College. However, a strong player from Bates College stopped Greg's streak in the second round. In doubles, Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer and Andrew Shoaff won their first round match in an epic three-set match. Lopez-O'Dwyer and Shoaff were able to pull out a win in the first set, 7-6. However, torrential rains set in, and the match was moved inside. After dropping the second set 4-6, the duo came back and took the third set 6-4. The team would meet tough opposition in the second round against Tufts, and lost. Tufts went on to win the third doubles flight. Sam Walker and Steve Keyes-Grevelis won easily in two sets in their first round match, but also ran into tough opposition in the second round, and were knocked out by a pair from Amherst.

Walker becomes the winningest player in Hamilton history with 110th victory

Overall, the Continentals placed eighth out of eleven teams, one place better than last year. "We had our opportunities, but we just couldn't capitalize. Injuries and absences definitely affected the season" commented co-captain Sam Walker. The Continentals have had a slow start to the season, but had come through, winning eight of nine in the last half of the season to take a winning record of 15-12 into the NESCAC tournament. Part of this was obviously due to the leadership of co-captain Sam Walker, who was given an honorable mention for sportsmanship at the NESCAC tournament. Walker also was awarded with the Kiwanis Student Athlete of the Year award, given to one of Hamilton's top athletes each year.

However, much of this was also due to the help of Greg Nussbaum and Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer. Damon, Greg, and Sam were the only three on the team to finish the season with a winning record. Damon finished with a singles record of 8-6, Nussbaum with a singles record of 12-10, and Walker with an phenomenal record of 26-2.

After returning from Williams, the Continentals played one last match, against the Hobart Statesmen. The Statesmen proved to be too much for the Continentals, winning 6-1 in a meet that proved anticlimatic after the NESCAC tournament. Walker could not have ended his season in a more convincing way than he did, however, with his 6-0, 6-0 win. The only other win came from Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer and Andrew Shoaff at the number three doubles spot.

Though this season has just ended, thoughts of next year are already in the players minds. Walker is the only senior currently on the team, but his presence will be sorely missed. The prospects for next year are still positive. With a year of experience under the belts of several rising sophomores, the solid play of juniors to-be Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer, Greg Nussbaum, and Jed Whitlock, and leadership of rising senior J.W. Hobson the team is expecting another winning season next year. The fall will be an important time for coach Scott Smith as he begins his second season with the team. As of now, he still has not heard which of his top recruits will be attending Hamilton, but he is optimistic. The Continentals proved this spring that they can stay on the court with the toughest NESCAC opponents, and hope that with the right breaks, next year's team will break into at least the top six.

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Did I actually write that?

The author reminisces...

As I sat down to write my final article for the Spectator, I got to thinking about my life as a journalist, short-lived though it may have been. In fact, as people began to ask me what I was going to do for my last hurrah, I realized that a simple recap of the week's events in sports wouldn't bring my writing career to a very fitting end. No, I think that would just be too bland, too simple. Then, my esteemed colleague, Mr. Walker (also saying his fond farewell), reminded me of all the predictions I'd made in this column throughout the past two years. Moreover, he reminded me of just how many of my predictions had been wrong. As he recalled all of my erroneous forecasting, I realized that I had the topic for my final column. I also realized just how often I've been off the mark, as you'll see, which made me wonder if I might have been somewhat of a jinx. With that in mind, let's go through a quick recap of the ten worst predictions of my tenure:

TripMacCracken Scorecard

10. Last fall, when the college football season was just beginning, I weighed in with my surefire Heisman picks. Or so I thought. Anyway, I went with Leeland McElroy, who went on to an injury-plagued campaign which saw him fall from a projected top-five draft choice to a second-rounder. While McElroy was my favorite, I picked a sleeper by the name of Mike Archie, a running back from Penn State who was going to fill Ki-Jana Carter's shoes. Archie and Penn State struggled. Meanwhile, Ohio State's Eddie George went wild, and jumped into the Heisman field. Even with one game to go, though, I still didn't believe in George's chances. My final pick was Tommie Frazier, with an outside nod to Florida's Danny Wuerrfel...

9. The National League Rookie of the Year award was announced late one Thursday night last fall after this article had already been written and inserted into the issue with my certain pick, Atlanta's Chipper Jones, listed as the winner. Of course, Hideo Nomo surprised me and won the award, and luckily the error was caught before Dewey defeated Truman for the second time this century...

8. In previewing the NBA season, I fearlessly forecasted that Toronto's Carlos Rogers would become a star playing for the expansion Raptors. Needless to say, he didn't...

7. After the Mavericks 3-0 start, it seemed obvious that the team was on the verge of a breakout season. My words, I think, were "The team will only get better." Well, at season's end, the Mavs were 26-56, looking at yet another lottery pick, not in the playoffs. Worse yet, the team's three stars- Jim Jackson, Jamal Mashburn, and Jason Kidd, all fought at some point during the year. Not only would they not get any better...

6. Back in August, a certain column reported that Colorado's football team would more than adequately replace 2,000 yard rusher and Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam with young tailback Herschell Troutman. Herschell who?

5. When the Cavs traded star point guard to Washington for the Bullets first pick in the upcoming draft, I criticized the move because it seemed to me that the Bullets were loaded with talent, and the pick would amount to a late first rounder. Instead, Chris Webber goes down for the second straight year, and Price hardly sees the floor due to a broken foot. Suffice it to say, the Bullets miss the playoffs, the Cavs wind up with a lottery pick, and I eat crow once again...

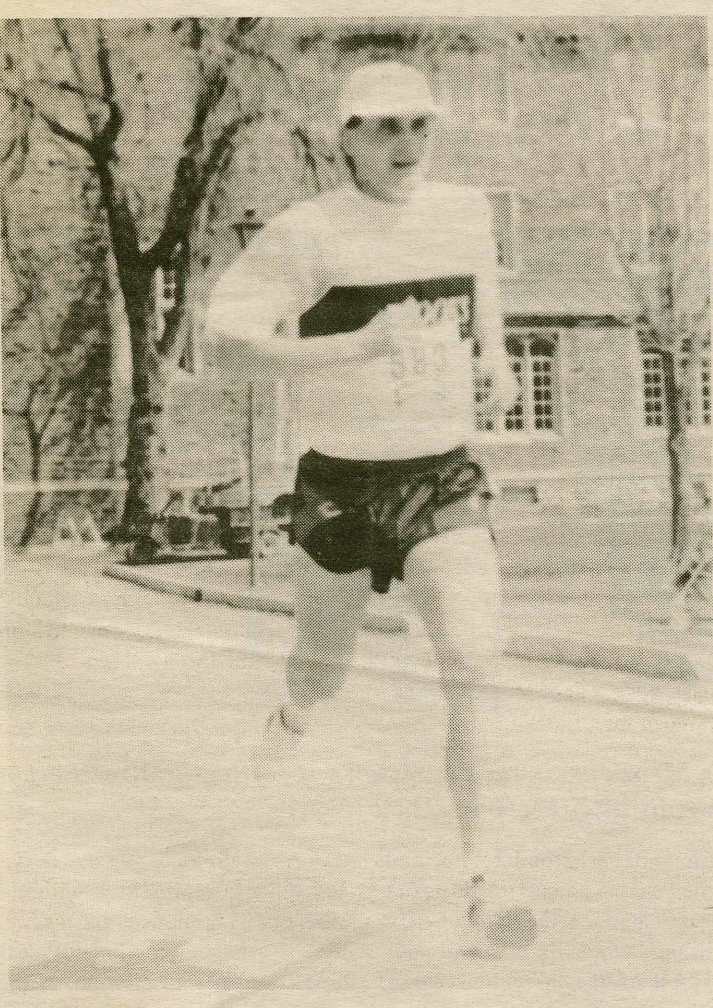
4. Write it down, I said back in the early stages of last year's NBA action, Phoenix and New York will square off in the Finals come June. Well, Patrick Ewing saw to it that the Knicks didn't live up to their end of the bargain when he missed a two-footer against the Pacers last spring, and the Suns got old in a hurry with Charles Barkley. The Rockets repeated as champs, defeating the upstart Orlando Magic in four games. To those of you who went ahead and penciled in the Knicks and Suns in the Finals, I've got a box of rubber erasers for you...

3. In back to back years, my Final Four predictions, like most other people's, have been far from accurate. Most noteworthy, however, were the doubts which I cast upon two tournament favorites, UCLA and UMass. Both teams were predicted by a certain writer to lose before they reached the Final Four, UMass because of their supposedly weak schedule. Both teams did advance to the Final Four, and UCLA won the championship. Likewise, only after resisting a desire to predict that Kresimir Marusic '97 and Mike Perlman '98 would carry their D.U. 3-on-3 hoops team to an upset victory could that victory become reality. Sensing a pattern yet?

2. Last season, Albert Belle deserved to win the American League MVP, plain and simple. Unfortunately, the author hadn't yet caught onto the aforementioned pattern, and when he picked Belle to win the award, stripped the Indian of what should have been his by right...

1. Justice was done, however, since the same author picked the Yankees to advance to the World Series against Atlanta. The presence of the newly acquired Jack McDowell and John Wetteland gave the Yankees too much pitching not to win the American League... Or so it seemed at the time. Luckily, the author's beloved Indians were not trumpeted so highly and so were able to avoid a jinx on par with the cover of Sports Illustrated, as they, not the Yanks, advanced to the Fall Classic...

From now on, I'll bite my tongue when it comes to making bold predictions. Given this record, that doesn't seem like such a bad idea...



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John Trowse crossed the finish line with a 25:49.83 time.

5-mile road race a success

Winner sets course record

BY JASON M. SANTARCANGELO '98
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After months of planning and preparation, Sunday April 28 finally arrived, and along with it came the Hamilton College Road Race—a grueling five mile running race, with a scenic route around the campus that is known as "the loop." As the sun poked through the clouds, the weather proved it would not be an obstacle on what proved to be a perfect day for running.

At precisely 11:00am, 136 runners set out, not only to battle each other, but to battle the clock. For many first time runners, it was a chance to experience the thrill of running a road race, and for the veteran runners, it was a chance to test themselves and prepare for the big upcoming summer races.

Leading the pack to the finish line was national runner, John Trowse from Auburn, NY. Trowse set a new course record with a time of 25:49.83, and took home the $150 cash prize for the victory. Running with Trowse for the first four miles was Jim Nicholson, who finished fourteen seconds later with a time of 26:03 to take home the runner up's check for $100. After a long hike from Albany, NY, Alumni Lance Denning from the class of '83 ran a solid race, and finished third with a time of 26:43. Denning's third place finish earned him $50.

The women's pack was led by Loren Mooney from Ithaca, NY. Mooney's time of 30:37.59 was also a new course record. Less than a minute later, last year's winner, Gina Abraham, crossed the line and took second. Her time of 31:35 placed 11th overall. Fourteen year old Teal Remington ran a super race and finished third in the open women's division, with time of 34:12. Like the men, the women take home prize checks of $150, $100, $50, respectively.

The Hamilton division saw some great running by first time runners. Chris Yeagle '99 won the Hamilton 39 and under division with a 13th place overall finish and a time of 32:16. Maria Gara won the Hamilton women's 39 and under division with a time of 35:38, first timer Sarah Steele captured the Hamilton women's 40 and over group with a time of 47:12, and 64 year old Mark Elias captured the Hamilton men's 40 and over group with a time of 49:29. Anyone who is interested in the other results can find them posted in the athletic office.

While each person will hold special memories of the race, none will be more memorable to me as race director than to see every runner cross the finish line. After the initial agony of the race wore off, the competitors could be seen basking in the sun with smiles on their faces. I can only hope that everyone enjoyed the race as much as I did, and I would like to thank the volunteers who made it happen and the runners who gave it their all. I look forward to seeing all of you next year.

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Walker's final two cents

Commandments for better athletic programs

SAM WALKER
MY TWO CENTS

For four years, I have complained about everything imaginable regarding Hamilton sports. Unfortunately, no one has listened to any of my suggestions. Those high level decision makers have not come to the realization that I am a sports demigod— a know it all, who could make Hamilton sports better than Williams. Nevertheless, for the best interest of my future alma mater, I find it necessary to establish the "Walker Commandments", that if implemented, will bring the Hamilton sports programs to a new level.

Sport Equity

The difference between the big three—football, basketball, and hockey—and the rest of the sports is enormous. As captain of the tennis team, I can tell you first hand that the athletic department has done our team an injustice. Let me explain. First of all, we have a head coach who is a full time teacher at a local high school. Oh yes, he also coaches men's squash; he coaches both sports with no assistants. When our team went to Hilton Head for Spring Break tennis, our coach could not make the trip because of his other job. Does Steve Frank or Phil Grady have another job? Each of these sports also has an abundance of assistant coaches. There are four sports without a full time coach; women's basketball, women's squash, and the aforementioned men's squash and tennis. None of these sports have achieved recent success. Hamilton athletes, regardless of the sports they play, deserve an equal opportunity. Isn't this what a liberal arts education is about? Make all sports a priority and they will be better apt to succeed. If money is needed to pay for additional full time coaches, then so be it. Find the money. While on the topic of sport equity, the athletic department must continue to make changes to improve gender equity and compliance with Title IX. This is something that I am happy to say Hamilton has started to address.

Academic Improvements

How do we improve our athletic programs without diminishing our academics? What we need to do is improve our academic first, which we are in the process of doing, so that we will have the discretion to pick and choose those athletes, who may have slightly lower scores and do so, without compromising our academic reputation. Williams and Amherst follow this model to perfection. Rit Fuller and Tom Murphy need to work together to make this happen. It's tough to support stringent requirements in the next few year because we could have some lean squads. But our teams are not exactly giants right now. In long run, this could bring our teams from mediocrity to excellence.

Rivals

Hamilton is longing for rivals. With our entrance into the NESCAC, we lost Union and Colgate—two schools whose location and academic standards produced solid rivalries for many years. The fact is if we developed spirited rivals across the board— from squash to football, the games would be more than just a game; fans would come and playing a sport would be looked upon in a good light. Right now, we consider Williams our rival but they consider us dog food. This is problematic. Before we can develop a rival, we have to improve our athletic programs. From coaches to athletes, a commitment to winning has to be developed. No dogging practices, no excuses— dedication has to be at the forefront. Who do I see as our rival? Well, Middlebury and Trinity are the school's that best match our academic and athletic level and who would probably allow us to be there rival. This could be a match. Perhaps, we could extend the Rocking Chair Classic with Middlebury to all sports and not just football. We should continue having orange tossing at the first hockey game. How about playing the orange game every year against either Trinity or Middlebury. The distance, however, between Hamilton and these two NESCAC foes is a bit of a problem. We could always just create a rival school up the road and call it "Aaron Burr" College. This would surely create a rivalry.

Fan Involvement

This is unlikely but there are measures the athletic department could take to improve this aspect. At games, selling better food, announcing starting lineups, cheerleaders, and music would entice the crowd. Another thing that would help fan interest would be to try and host tournaments. We have the facilities so lets use them. Most importantly, improving our teams and developing rivalries would improve the fan interest. We must continue to throw oranges at the first hockey game. This is an event where fan involvement is at its zenith.

Athletic Director

I believe there is a conflict for any individual to be both a coach and an athletic director. Thus, while I have the utmost respect for Tom Murphy as a coach and athletic director, I do not think he should hold both these positions. Could you imagine Bobby Knight or Dean Smith being head coach and athletic director? Personally, I believe Murphy should be the men's basketball coach, and we should bring in someone outside of the athletic department to be athletic director. This new person would be able to make decisions without any of his constituents thinking that favorite or non-favorite status was taking place. Recently, I talked to Bob Peck, the athletic director at Williams, who told me that he has time to support all of his sports. Does Tom Murphy have time during the basketball season to watch hockey or squash games?

Improved Weather

Having better weather conditions, especially in the spring, would enhance our team's performances. Currently, I am in talks with a real estate agent in Boca Raton—hoping that we can move Hamilton to a plush, warm area. We could also switch to a tri-semester academic schedule, which would allow our athletes to compete in May and June, out of the winter sludge.

By heeding the Walker Commandments coaches, athletes, alumni, the student body, and the administration—can help facilitate Hamilton's athletic improvements. It's imperative that those high level decision makers listen to me. My dedication for Hamilton sports will never stop. Will Hamilton's ever start?

Men's lacrosse doubles Dutch

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On Thursday, April 26, Elmira shut out Hamilton for three quarters and cruised to an easy 10-2 victory. Tommy White '98 finally got the Continentals on the board with 14:43 remaining in the game. Jud Henderson '96 had twelve stops in goal for Hamilton.

On Saturday, April 27th, a torrential rainstorm stopped just before game time, and Henderson made 24 saves in his final collegiate game as Hamilton knocked off Union 12-6. Hamilton scored the first four goals of the game before the Dutchmen finally got on the board at the 3:43 mark of the first quarter. Twelve goals is the highest offensive output for Hamilton all season.

White led the Continentals with three goals, all in the second half, but it was Henderson who inspired his teammates. "Jud was magnificent, he made a couple of big saves early that really got everybody fired up," said head coach Manfred Von Schiller.

David Maxwell '99 added two goals and Harry Taylor '96 had one goal and two assists for the Continentals, who snapped a four game losing streak with the victory.

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Riffle Award honors senior athletes

By Jason Santarcangalo '98 & Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer '98
SPORTS STAFF WRITERS

Last night the athletic community of Hamilton gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of Senior varsity athletes. The annual Riffle dinner was held in Bundy to present the Jack B. Riffle Award to the outstanding male and female senior athletes, named in honor of the late Jack B. Riffle, the former trustee of Hamilton who was, in the words of Tom Murphy, "the number one fan of Hamilton college athletics." This year's honorees were Liz Sichol and Joe Mrozienski.

Liz Sichol's contributions to Hamilton swimming are unmatched. She is quite simply one of the finest female athletes ever to compete at Hamilton. The five-time All-American led Hamilton's swimming and diving team to their second consecutive New York State Championship this year, and led Hamilton to a 12th place finish at last years NCAA's—the highest finish by a Hamilton team ever.

Joe Mrozienski is a rebounding machine who embodies Hamilton basketball. He finished eighth in the country last season with almost 12 rebounds a game, and eleventh this season, pulling down 11.1 boards a game. As a co-captain, he led the team in scoring the past two seasons, and led the team to back-to-back berths in the NCAA tournament, including last year's thrilling run to the "sweet 16". Last year's UCAA player of the year has propelled the Continentals to an astounding four year combined record of 76-29.

Before the awards were handed out, former track and cross country coach, and athletic director, Eugene M. Long kept the crowd entertained with his keynote address. Long, who played a significant role in the development of Hamilton's athletic program, outlined on a chalkboard the role of the physical education department, which he was careful to point is the only department that works with each and every student on campus. According to the outline, after physical education classes there are intramural sports which have truly flourished, and at the peak of the triangle is intercollegiate sports.

The most important aspect of his presentation was the idea that a truly educational experience is an athletic experience. Long's message was that Athletics not only fit into the liberal arts program here at Hamilton, but that they make the educational experience complete. According to Long, it is the varsity athletes that make athletics happen here at Hamilton.

Although the Riffle Award is only given to two athletes, this year's senior class is made up of many winners. Seventy percent of this year's teams ended with a winning record. In addition to the success that the swim and casketball teams had, women's cross country made its first ever appearance at the NCAA Championships, woman's lacrosse qualified for the 13th consecutive year for the New York State Championships, and men's ice hockey made its first trip to ECAC finals since 1975.

As Long eloquently stated, "varsity athletes represent Hamilton at other fine institutions across the country." It is the seniors who provide the leadership and inspiration to their teammates on and off the field, and their important presence will be sorely missed.

PHOTO BY JASON SANTARCANGALO

Joe Mrozienski and Liz Sichol with Athletic Director Tom Murphy after receiving their awards.

Playoff drive comes to halt

10 seconds not enough for women's lacrosse

By Brian Green '96
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

The Conts lead an all out assault past midfield on the turf of Love Field.

The scoreclock read only ten seconds as the Continentals gained control of the ball and began to push it up field. What likely appeared as slow motion to the Cortland Red Dragons appeared as elapsed time to the Continentals' players and coaching staff. Ten seconds was not quite enough time to get the ball the length of the field and find a corner where it could be tucked behind the home-team goalie.

Such a goal would have tied the score at thirteen apiece and sent the Continentals into overtime with another chance at furthering their playoff drive. The fat lady didn't get a chance to sing for even she was unsure of who would be the victor in Wednesdays hard-fought battle. When it was all over, the Cortland team knew they had barely escaped a glorious Hamilton comeback and an early exit from NYSWCAA playoffs. The verdict was a heartbreaking Hamilton loss.

From the first face-off to the final buzzer emotions ran high and highlights were made by several of the Continentals. After the first fifteen minutes of trading goals it was evident that a battle was ensuing between the Conts and Cortland. Hamilton's first five goals included a natural hat-trick by senior center Becky Egan. In her last chance to show her scoring power for Hamilton, she easily blew shots by the Cortland keeper to get her team off to a running start.

Cortland continually tried to muster an attack in the Hamilton end but were denied by Karen Weber's '96 three interceptions and Steph Hedges'96 tight-checking defense. These two seniors were obviously playing with passion in potentially their last game for the Continentals. After approximately twenty minutes of tight play the ball started to bounce in Cortland's favor as they put a string of goals together to take some wind out of the Conts' sails. By halftime, a lop-sided 11-5 score was seen on the clock in favor of the home squad.

Whether it was something in the water or some special words from a coach or player, the Continentals were revived for the second half. They went out on a mission and pulled the score into a 12-12 tie on a great goal by Kate Harris'97 with only four minutes left. This pivotal tying goal capped off an emotional rally that rally had the players on cloud nine when the ball found the net.

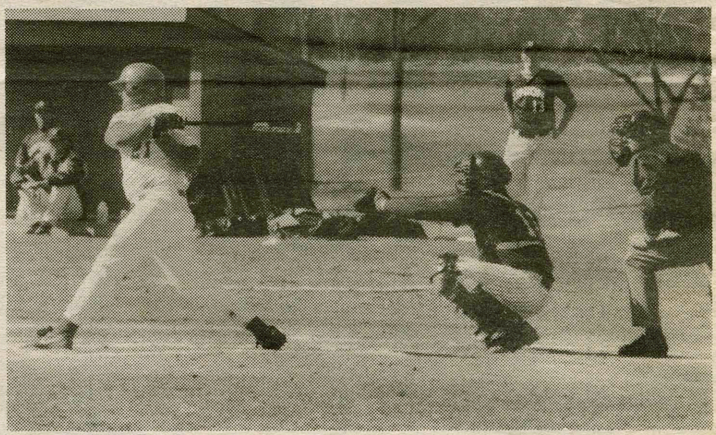
At this point it appeared that nothing would stand in the way of a victory for their come-from-behind efforts. Unfortunately, Lady Luck was residing on the Cortland bench as a lucky shot trickled by a very solid Melissa Hyner in the Hamilton net and triggered the end of an emotional run for the Conts.

Scoring for Hamilton was Megan Waters who picked up five of the Continentals' twelve goals and Izabel Roberts who added a goal and three assists. Roberts finished the season as Hamilton's top point producer and in the thick of the overall league standings. Nicole Vaughan rounded out the scoring by firing two more behind the Cortland keeper.

In reflection, the '96 Continentals team has much to be proud of, and more importantly, a great '97 season to look forward to. Despite losing high-scoring Becky Egan and defensive stars Hedges and Weber, a powerful nucleus will take the turf at Love field next year.

Four out of the five top scores are returning and goalie tandem Mel Hyner and Meredith Haimes will be occupying the nets. An impressive class of freshman will be a year wiser and will undoubtedly see a lot of time in game situations. As the school year winds down, the players on the "96 team will be able to look back with fond memories of a season that offered many great highlights and some very emotional efforts that can be used to build upon the character of next year's team.

Baseball pulls out clutch win against Albany, 7-6



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Baseball took a good swing at the 1996 campaign.

Special to Spectator Sports

On Thursday, Hamilton rallied from a 7-6 deficit in the sixth to beat Albany 8-7 in ten innings. Shawn Swistak '99 hit an RBI single with two outs in the top of the tenth was the game-winner for the Continentals.

In the eighth inning, Hamilton came back to tie the game when Mike Estreicher '99 shot a sacrifice fly to bring home Sean Fay '98. Fay was 2 for 5 with three runs scored on the day. Joe Rowbottom '98 came in the eighth inning and managed to keep Albany scoreless for the remaining two innings. Rowbottom's record stands at 5-2.

The Continentals traveled north for the weekend to face Clarkson and St. Lawrence. On Saturday, Hamilton lost a heartbreaking 11 inning game, 7-6, to Clarkson. After trailing 5-2 in the bottom of the fifth the Continentals scored three runs in the sixth to tie the game. It was not until the eleventh, that the Continentals took a 6-5 lead.

However, Clarkson was able to come up with two runs in the bottom of the eleventh to clinch the victory. The Golden Knights shut out Hamilton 2-0 in the next game. Fay was 2-3 for Hamilton.

Then on Sunday, Hamilton was swept by St. Lawrence, 5-2 and 8-4. Matt Klumpp '98 was 2-3 in both games. In the second game, Aaron Simon '96 and Fay were both 2-4.

1996 Spring Season
Team Records

Baseball	9-15
Softball	15-20
Men's Lacrosse	3-9
Women's Lacrosse	8-6
Golf	12-13
Men's Tennis	15-12